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M.W. BRO. WALDO FORD EMPEY

Grand Master, 1951

M.W. Bro. Empey was born on a small farm at Addison, Ontario, on the old Perth road about twelve miles from Brockville, on October 31st, 1879.

He attended Public School at Addison, and the High School at Athens. For a time he taught school in Ontario, but the call of the West came to him with the result that he arrived in Edmonton, Alberta, during the Spring of 1900. For the next twelve years he farmed at Winterburn and Viking, during which time he became interested in the dairy business and joined the Woodland Dairy Co. Ltd., Edmonton, in 1912. He continued with this company until 1949, when he retired. At the date of his retirement he was Secretary-Treasurer of the company.

The occasion of his retirement, however, merely provided a further opportunity for his engaging in the sphere of Health and Welfare, as at present and for the past two years he has held the position of Manager for the Medical Services (Alberta).

In 1917 he was married to Miss Annie B. Coburn of Pembroke, Ont., and they have two children, a daughter Beth, graduate of the University of Alberta and dietitian on the staff of the University Hospital, and a son, George, a commercial artist in the city of Toronto.

Bro. Empey's Masonic career began with his initiation into Unity Lodge No. 51, A.F. & A.M., G.R.A., September 21st, 1920. He was Master of Unity Lodge No. 51 in 1938, D.D.G.M. of District No. 3 in 1943. He was elected Junior Grand Warden in 1948 and became Grand Master in 1951. He is a Past T.P.G.M. of Edmonton Lodge of Perfection, holding that important office in 1943.

He is a past Most Wise Sovereign of Mizpah Sovereign Chapter, Rose Croix, holding that office in 1934, and Commander-in-Chief of the Alberta Consistory, A. & A.S.R., 1951, and was coroneted an Honorary Inspector General 33 degree in 1949.

He has been heard to state on a number of occasions that while he has greatly enjoyed the privileges of the higher degrees in Masonry, he is ever conscious of the fact that Craft degrees are the foundation of all Free Masonry.

His services have not been limited to Masonry alone. He is

a member of the McDougall congregation of the United Church of Canada, and has served on the Board of this Church for many years.

His other activities include valuable service to the Edmonton community, on the Community Chest, Alberta College Board, the Y.M.C.A., to which organization he has given valuable service (for thirty years he was President of the Board). He is a Past President and active member of the Rotary Club, also the Chamber of Commerce, the Alberta Motor Association and the Highlands Golf Club, and the Edmonton Golf and Country Club. In addition to the above, he was recently elected a Life Member of the Alberta Dairymen's Association in recognition of his outstanding services to the Dairy Industry of Alberta.

The foregoing brief sketch does not tell the whole story of the valuable service and warmth of friendship with which Bro. Empey has permeated all his contacts, not only in his Masonic career but in all dealings with his fellow men. His services have always been marked by a sincere desire to help others, and he has always given freely of his time for the betterment of mankind.

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The Forty-seventh Annual Communication of the M.W. Grand Lodge of Alberta, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, was opened in the Central Masonic Temple in the City of Edmonton, Province of Alberta, on Wednesday, June 11th, A.D. 1952, A.L. 5952, at the hour of 9:00 a.m.

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Wor. Bro.	Gordon Provost	W.M. No. 11
Bro.	Wally K. Agnew	S.W. No. 11
Bro.	F. Bruce Robarts	J.W. No. 11
Bro.	S. J. Melville	S.W. No. 13
Wor. Bro.	Stanley B. Ellis	W.M. No. 14
Bro.	Robert A. Crowle	J.W. No. 14
Wor. Bro.	Leonard W. Stal	W.M. No. 15
Bro.	Frank G. Wright	S.W. No. 15
Wor. Bro.	William R. Newsom	W.M. No. 16
Bro.	John M. Ashton	S.W. No. 16
Bro.	Wesley B. Hawthorne	J.W. No. 16
Wor. Bro.	Thomas Webber	W.M. No. 18
Bro.	Howard Brekke	S.W. No. 18
Bro.	John M. Fleming	J.W. No. 18
Wor. Bro.	Francis J. Cowling	M.W. No. 19
Wor. Bro.	W. B. Frizzell	W.M. No. 20
Bro.	Donald Munroe	J.W. No. 20
Wor. Bro.	Ronald Ahlgrim	W.M. No. 21
Wor. Bro.	Erick F. R. Mulder	W.M. No. 22
Wor. Bro.	Cyril F. Denbigh	W.M. No. 23
Bro.	John Davis	J.W. No. 23
Bro.	Frank Horace Walker	S.W. No. 24
Wor. Bro.	Robert Irvine	W.M. No. 25
Bro.	George Warren	S.W. No. 25
Bro.	John Nicholson	J.W. No. 25
Wor. Bro.	Thomas M. Robinson	W.M. No. 27
Bro.	Frederick W. Stevenson	S.W. No. 28
Wor. Bro.	Fredk. W. Guerard	W.M. No. 30
Wor. Bro.	Wesley Smith	W.M. No. 31
Bro.	Stewart A. McNeill	J.W. No. 33
Wor. Bro.	James Robert C. Wright	W.M. No. 35
Bro.	William Austin Bishop	S.W. No. 35
Wor. Bro.	C. G. Erickson	W.M. No. 37
Wor. Bro.	Robert Holden	W.M. No. 38
Bro.	Miner B. Van Dusen	J.W. No. 38
Wor. Bro.	Claremont C. Simpson	W.M. No. 39
Wor. Bro.	Paul Worth	W.M. No. 40
Wor. Bro.	H. Nicoll	W.M. No. 41
Wor. Bro.	Fred Radford	W.M. No. 42
Bro.	Arthur Currie	S.W. No. 42
Wor. Bro.	J. W. Chalmers	W.M. No. 43
Wor. Bro.	L. L. Parlow	W.M. No. 44
Bro.	Walter Arnold Swift	S.W. No. 46
Bro.	Frank P. Webber	S.W. No. 47
Wor. Bro.	Herbert Bricker	W.M. No. 50

Wor. Bro.	Alex J. McLeod	W.M. No. 51
Bro.	George McMillan	S.W. No. 51
Bro.	James Sangster	J.W. No. 51
Wor. Bro.	John S. McKinlay	W.M. No. 54
Wor. Bro.	Thomas Bayles	W.M. No. 55
Wor. Bro.	Harold E. Huson	W.M. No. 56
Wor. Bro.	H. F. Whittred	W.M. No. 59
Bro.	T. L. Hawken	S.W. No. 61
Wor. Bro.	Erroll S. Fox	W.M. No. 62
Wor. Bro.	John W. Limb	W.M. No. 63
Bro.	Frank Tomlinson	S.W. No. 63
Bro.	Thomas G. Aberdeen	J.W. No. 63
Wor. Bro.	Robert R. Hughes	W.M. No. 65
Wor. Bro.	C. V. Cranston	W.M. No. 66
Bro.	A. C. Kirkberg	S.W. No. 66
Wor. Bro.	John R. Hutton	W.M. No. 68
Bro.	John Pattinson	S.W. No. 68
Wor. Bro.	Bernard E. Thacker	W.M. No. 70
Wor. Bro.	Edwin K. Wright	W.M. No. 71
Bro.	H. Wilt	J.W. No. 71
Wor. Bro.	Alfred S. Edwards	W.M. No. 72
Wor. Bro.	G. E. Smith	W.M. No. 73
Wor. Bro.	Joel K. Smith	W.M. No. 77
Bro.	Roy Hutton	J.W. No. 78
Wor. Bro.	Trevor A. West	W.M. No. 83
Wor. Bro.	Charles A. Ball	W.M. No. 87
Wor. Bro.	T. A. Norris, Jr.	W.M. No. 89
Bro.	John Nelson	J.W. No. 89
Wor. Bro.	J. P. Drewery	W.M. No. 90
Wor. Bro.	James W. Watson	W.M. No. 91
Bro.	Roy Harvey	S.W. No. 91
Wor. Bro.	Bruce W. Vickers	W.M. No. 93
Wor. Bro.	Herbert Hunter	W.M. No. 96
Wor. Bro.	J. M. Hughson	W.M. No. 100
Bro.	Irvine Doenz	S.W. No. 100
Wor. Bro.	Roy Johnston	W.M. No. 101
Bro.	W. Eric Baker	S.W. No. 101
Wor. Bro.	R. J. Shaw	W.M. No. 107
Wor. Bro.	Dois C. Smith	W.M. No. 114
Wor. Bro.	Henry O. Peterson	W.M. No. 117
Wor. Bro.	R. C. Niven	W.M. No. 118
Wor. Bro.	L. H. Llewellyn	W.M. No. 119
Wor. Bro.	Gerald C. Newman	W.M. No. 127
Bro.	Edward H. Johnson	S.W. No. 127
Wor. Bro.	James A. Y. Riley	W.M. No. 128
Wor. Bro.	W. J. Treacy	W.M. No. 130
Wor. Bro.	W. G. Curtis	W.M. No. 131
Bro.	John Spence	S.W. No. 131
Wor. Bro.	Robert E. Geissenger	W.M. No. 132
Wor. Bro.	Fredk. S. Hatton	W.M. No. 134
Wor. Bro.	Porter O'Reilly	W.M. No. 135
Wor. Bro.	Rudolph Kotkas	W.M. No. 136
Bro.	E. Wade Gault	J.W. No. 137
Wor. Bro.	John B. Torney	W.M. No. 141

Wor. Bro.	James B. Findlay	W.M. No. 143
Bro.	R. E. Fuller	J.W. No. 143
Wor. Bro.	Raymond J. Campbell	W.M. No. 145
Bro.	Robert J. Tredgers	S.W. No. 145
Wor. Bro.	Jesse Bigelow	W.M. No. 146
Bro.	John MacDonald	S.W. No. 151
Wor. Bro.	John W. Cox	W.M. No. 156
Wor. Bro.	Clifford L. Benson	W.M. No. 157
Bro.	J. E. Tennant	S.W. No. 157
Wor. Bro.	Egbert O. Coulits	W.M. No. 158
Wor. Bro.	Max Crook	W.M. No. 163
Wor. Bro.	William Johnson	W.M. No. 164
Bro.	Reginald Parton	S.W. No. 164
Wor. Bro.	Thomas B. Donald	W.M. Canada U.D.
Bro.	Horace D. Fawcett	S.W. Canada U.D.
Bro.	Edward C. Logan	J.W. Canada U.D.
Wor. Bro.	A. J. G. Lauder	W.M. Evergreen U.D.

OPENING

The members having assembled in the Lodge Room of the Central Masonic Temple, Edmonton, the Grand Director of Ceremonies, V.W. Brother David Little, informed the M.W. the Grand Master who, with his Grand Officers proceeded in procession and assumed their stations.

The constitutional number of Lodges being represented, the Grand Lodge was opened in ample form with prayer by the Grand Chaplain, R.W. Bro. D McLeod Campbell.

The M.W. the Grand Master granted permission for the admission of Master Masons as visitors.

The Grand Master:

It is a very great pleasure indeed, to welcome you all to this Communication of Grand Lodge, particularly to welcome you to the City of Edmonton. I hope that your stay here for the next two days will be pleasant and profitable and that you will return to your homes having gained something here that will be of interest and improvement to you. I hope that you were all able to get comfortably settled last night and I regret that conditions in the City of Edmonton are such that accommodation is not as good as it might be. This room, I think, will be comfortable — I hope so. We would liked to have had other accommodation for you but as conditions are in the City it is impossible. I hope you will not be inconvenienced but will enjoy yourselves while here. I am going to ask M.W. Bro. Sam Harris and M.W. Bro. Cumming and the Director of Ceremonies to retire and introduce our distinguished guests.

RECEPTION OF DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

M.W. Bro. Sam Harris to the M.W. the Grand Master:

It gives me great pleasure to introduce to you this morning and

to the Members of the Grand Lodge of Alberta the following distinguished visitors.

M.W. Bro. Gordon McMorran, Grand Master of Manitoba.
M.W. Bro. R. McEwen, Grand Master of Saskatchewan.
M.W. Bro Chandler C. Cohagen, Grand Master of Manitoba.
M.W. Bro. Percy Doles, P.G.M. of Montana.
R.W. Bro. E. R. Franta D.G.M. of North Dakota.
R.W. Bro. Rev. J. B. Hubbard, Past Grand Chaplain of Illinois.

Grand Honors were then accorded the visitors, after which they were welcomed by the M.W. the Grand Master as follows:

Grand Master:

Distinguished Brethren, without naming you again personally and individually it is a great pleasure to me to welcome you here this morning to our Communication. It has been my pleasure to meet you all on different occasions — some of you on several occasions — and it is very fine to have you here with us this morning and to have this opportunity of renewing your acquaintance again. During the proceedings I will make it possible for you to bring a message to us but in the meantime I will ask you to come to the East and sit in these comfortable seats here which is, I think, as good or better than the accommodation you got last night. Will you come to the East?

M.W. Bro Charles C. Cohagen, Grand Master of Montana:

Grand Master, may I make some comment about the trouble we had last night. You do not know what an advantage it was to me. I listened to some of the greatest tales — a saga of the Northwest from Sam Harris and then I was assured it was all true. So I enjoyed it even though we were delayed a little bit in having accommodation. That is what I want to talk about at this time. Last time in Butte we had a little difficulty finding a Canadian flag. As a result we decided we would do something about it for your jurisdiction. Of course we have to the north of us in Montana the Province of Saskatchewan which we share with North Dakota; we have British Columbia which we share with Washington and Idaho but you we have all to ourselves and so today it is my happy privilege to present to this Grand Lodge from the Grand Lodge of Montana the emblem of our Country. (The flag of the United States was presented to the Grand Master).

Brethren I want to continue to say to you this flag represents five thousand years of struggle upward for liberty. It represents also the full bloom of this struggle that started centuries ago and is coming to a head. Of course we realize there are many things that are still to be decided to make men have equal opportunity but to us this flag does represent the nearest approach we have to symbols in our Country. We are proud of what it has done on the battlefields but we believe there is a patriotism of peace as well as the heroism of war, and we are proud to see this flag floating over our public schools which, after all, form the citadel of our nations greatness and we are making certain to the point of being jealous, that those

flags remain over the schools and we are against anyone removing it from our schools. Please accept this flag from the twenty five thousand Masons of Montana in the spirit in which it is given.

The Grand Master:

First let me assure you that if those stories you heard last night were told to you by Sam Harris, you can take them as Gospel truth. I think they are. But if he or any of the rest get stretching them too far about this great Northwest country, you come to me and check with me and I will tell you how much to take. I did not hear what they gave you last night but I will take it for granted it was alright if M.W. Bro. Sam Harris gave it to you.

I am sure you will recognize from the applause and attention that we do greatly appreciate this gift of this fine flag. There may have been a little difficulty here this morning in finding an American flag to put up here so you have filled the bill very nicely. It is a very nice thing on the part of yourself and the Masons of Montana that you have presented this flag as the emblem of your country and we are very proud to have it here along side our own flag — a token of the fine friendly relationships between us. Now when I visit you down there and you come here and mingle with us I sometimes wonder which side of the Line I am on. We are all on the same road, going towards the same goal. I wish to thank you most sincerely, Sir, for this lovely gift. Now we are to have a visit from the Mayor of our City this morning and I am going to ask R.W. Bro. Jack Booth to retire and introduce him. (Owing to His Worship being unavoidably delayed the Grand Master continued with the business of Grand Lodge).

The Grand Master:

I think now we will have the minutes of the last meeting of Grand Lodge.

RESOLVED by M.W. Bro. George Moore (23), seconded by R.W. Bro. E. H. Rivers (51), That the Minutes of the Proceedings of Grand Lodge at the Forty-Sixth Annual Communication held in the City of Calgary on June 14th and 15th, 1951 as appeared in the printed Proceedings, be taken as read and confirmed. CARRIED.

TELEGRAMS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Communications were received expressing regret at being unable to attend from:

His Honor, J. J. Bowlen, Lieutenant Governor.
M.W. Bro. W. J. Botterill.
M.W. Bro. Rev. Canon George H. Crane-Williams.
M.W. Bro. J. Watson-Younge.
R.W. Bro. W. M. Peel.
R.W. Bro. George Lomas.
R.W. Bro. F. F. Lowle.
R.W. Bro. T. S. Jeffery.
V.W. Bro. W. E. Gullion.
Wor. Bro. John Denholm.

R. W. Bro. Jas. Russell Oliver, of British Columbia.
R.W. Bro. Chas. E. Elliott, of New Jersey.
And from the Sister Jurisdictions of Nova Scotia, Vermont, Iowa and Oregon conveying good wishes.

The Grand Secretary advised that the greetings of our Sister Jurisdictions had been formally acknowledged.

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

To the Most Worshipful, the Grand Lodge of Alberta,
Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons.

Brethren:

For nearly half a century now the Masons of this Province have been meeting in Annual Communication and it is now my genuine and sincere pleasure to again welcome you to this Forty-seventh Annual Communication of the M.W. Grand Lodge of Alberta, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons. and it is a particular pleasure to welcome you to this my own home City of Edmonton.

In view of the fact that the world is still in a most chaotic condition because of the conflict of ideologies by which mankind is divided, we are grateful to Divine Providence that our lot is cast in this free and happy land, where we have the right and privilege to meet in free and open assembly, while so many of our unfortunate Brethren are denied the right to think and act according to the dictates of their conscience.

While we entertain feelings of justifiable pride that we are citizens of a free and happy land, blessed with a wealth of natural resources equalled by those of no other land, let us not forget that natural wealth alone does not make a people great and prosperous. Let us ever bear in mind that while we entertain a conception of life which raises man to dignity and great heights, there is another which enslaves man's mind, soul and body by a ruthless power. Our greatest danger lies not in the latter but that in our material wealth and prosperity we become apathetic of the former.

Not gold, but only men can make
A Nation great and strong;
Men who for truth and honor's sake
Stand fast and suffer long.
Brave men who work while others sleep,
Who dare while others shy:
They build a Nation's pillars deep,
And lift them to the sky.

--Emerson.

I wish now to express to you, my Brethren, my appreciation for the honor you have conferred on me a year ago in electing me as your Grand Master and the privilege you thus gave me of serving you in this capacity during the past twelve months. I have endeavored to the best of limited skill and ability to uphold and maintain the honor and dignity of this beloved fraternity and to make at least some contribution to the good name of Freemasonry. I trust that through my efforts I am leaving the wood pile at least a few sticks higher than I found it.

It has been a year of rich experiences and I shall always cherish the memory of the many fine contacts and acquaintances I have

been privileged to make. For all the efforts I have made in endeavoring to fulfill my duties as your Grand Master, I have been richly rewarded and I am most grateful to the Great Architect of the Universe who gave me the health and strength to discharge those duties. At the same time I would be ungrateful did I not offer a word of heartfelt gratitude to all of you who have been so kind and generous in your assistance to me.

It is my joy in life to find
At every turning of the road,
The strong arm of a comrade kind
To help me onward with my load;
And since I have no gold to give
And love alone can make amends,
My only prayer is while I live
God make me worthy of my friends.
—Frank Sherman Dempsey.

It is with extreme pleasure that I extend, on behalf of my Brethren of Alberta, a sincere and heartfelt welcome to you Distinguished Visitors from other Grand Jurisdictions. It is indeed a pleasure to have you with us and I trust your visit will be as pleasant and profitable to you as I am sure it will be to us. These fraternal visits are most desirable in that they present an opportunity for making new friends and renewing old acquaintances. Furthermore, they have the effect of finding us all together in our great Universal Brotherhood.

FRATERNAL DEAD

During the year we mourned the passing of our beloved fraternal brother, His Majesty, King George VI. A most gracious Sovereign, an honored and devoted member of the Craft, a loving husband and father and a man of high character.

I sent out a request to all Lodges that a fitting Memorial Service be held by the Lodges, either individually or collectively, where possible, and I am indeed grateful to you all for the gracious manner in which you complied with my wishes.

Death took a heavy toll, both in Sister Jurisdictions and our own. Elsewhere in the Report of the Fraternal Dead will be found a list of those who have passed to the great beyond. Our sympathy goes out to their sorrowing relatives everywhere.

CONDITION OF MASONRY

During my more than fifty years of residence in Alberta, I have always realized the fact that this is a large Province, but I never before fully realized its extent and the diversity of resources and conditions which it embraces. During my year I have travelled over it extensively and made a great many visitations, but at that I have not nearly covered it all nor visited all the Lodges. That would be a physical impossibility for anyone to accomplish in one short year. I have endeavored to visit as many Lodges as possible, particularly some of those who have not been recently visited by a Grand Master.

I have been most agreeably impressed by the attendance and the apparent lively interest in Masonry that I have found existing, particularly in the rural areas. In no instance have I encountered any indication of a lack of harmony and good will among the Brethren. In a very few cases there has been in the past some unfortunate misunderstanding and friction. I am pleased to be able to report that these have been happily ironed out and now the Brethren are meeting and working together in peace and harmony.

As a result of the increase in population, particularly in our cities and towns, and I believe an increased interest in Masonry, some of our City Lodges have grown in membership to the point where, in my opinion, they are becoming very much too large to render the best service to and retain the interest of their members. The Lodges in the rural areas are in an advantageous position in that regard, in that their memberships are not so large and there are opportunities for the work to be distributed among the members and furthermore there is a more intimate acquaintanceship. There are in the cities a great number of unaffiliated Masons who have come from other jurisdictions and who do not feel attracted to the large Lodges. Again, newer members too often feel a lack of opportunity for advancement and intimate acquaintanceship and therefore naturally lose interest. I am happy to note that a move has started towards the formation of new Lodges and I know that many of those unaffiliated Brothers are finding homes there. May the good work continue.

MEMBERSHIP

From the Grand Secretary's Report I note that while there has not been as great an increase in membership as in the previous year, our total membership in the Province is now over sixteen thousand. While we rejoice in increased membership, let us not forget that the strength of Masonry consists not alone in numbers but in the quality of character of the members, and while we will not deny entrance to our Lodges to good men and true, still we must at all times carefully guard our portals lest we carelessly admit some who would afterwards prove to be unworthy and cause endless trouble. Our Character Committees need to exercise extreme care in the examination of candidates, for there are those of a philosophy diametrically opposed to ours, who would by subtle means endeavor to gain admission to our Sanctuary, only to cause friction and confusion.

Furthermore, we need to guard against any appearance of discord among us individually, for the same people would, if possible, use the same tactics outside the Lodge.

During the year we were honored by a visit to Canada of the Earl of Derby, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England. Through the kindness and generosity of our Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Brother Howard, he was entertained at luncheon with several of the Calgary Brethren. Your Grand Secretary and I were unable to attend as we attended a District Meeting at Alix on the same day.

However, a similar reception was arranged for him at Edmonton, where he intended to spend the week-end, but due to a sudden announcement of the election in Great Britain, he had to cancel the engagement and return home as quickly as possible.

VISITATIONS TO OTHER JURISDICTIONS

Shortly after my appointment as your Grand Master I was privileged to attend the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario. That, of course, was a large gathering, as they have representatives for all the Eastern Provinces and from nearly all the Eastern States. It was a particularly happy occasion for me as I met one or two of my old schoolmates.

In August, accompanied by a number of our Brethren, I attended the Communication of the Grand Lodge of Montana at the City of Butte. There I was honored by being made an honorary Past Grand Master.

In October I attended the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Illinois at Chicago. There we heard an excellent address on the Paradoxes of Masonry delivered by Rev. John Hubbard, who is to be our guest speaker tonight. I am sure when you have heard him you will understand why I chose him for this occasion.

One of the outstanding events of the year was the Conference of Grand Masters of North America, which was held in Washington, D.C., during the month of February. I was accompanied there by M.W. Brother George Moore, M.W. Brother Sam Harris and the Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Brother Harry Howard. During the Conference we were honored by having breakfast with President Truman. Following the Conference proper, we were taken out to Alexandria, where we joined our American Brethren in honoring the 200th anniversary of the Initiation of George Washington into Masonry.

The outstanding Address of the Convention, to me at least, was that of M.W. Bro. Thomas Roy, Grand Master of Massachusetts, who spoke on the Romance of Masonry. In his opinion, the Romance of Masonry consisted not in its historical background, but rather in its goal and purpose, which is the building of character and service to one's fellow men.

There was also read to us a paper prepared by the Honorary Past Grand Master of Nebraska, Roscoe Pound, on the Landmarks. After quite a lengthy and detailed study of the subject the writer arrived at the following conclusion, "I feel that we can be sure and in laying down what is a landmark we must be absolutely sure) of but seven Summarily stated I should put them thus: (1) Belief in God; (2) Belief in the persistence of personality, i.e. the immortality of the soul; (3) a "book of the law" as an indispensable part of the furniture of the Lodge; (4) the legend of the third degree; (5) Secrecy; (6) the symbolism of the operative art; (7) that Mason must be a man, free born, and of age.

Another interesting paper on "An Evaluation of Masonry" was given by one of our distinguished guests today M.W. Bro. Cohagen,

Grand Master of Montana.

To me a source of justifiable pride in our fraternity is the great number of Masons who have made a deep study of Masonry and have contributed freely of their knowledge and I am sure that no one of them would ever suggest that the limit has been reached.

Somewhere in the world there is a remarkable house. It is always remarkable because it consists of a single room — a room so vast the eye cannot see from one side to the other. It is the room for improvement in Masonic knowledge. It will always exist, ever large, ever challenging the heart of man.

BANFF CONFERENCE

During the month of September I attended the Banff Conference which, as usual, was attended by representatives from the four Western Provinces as well as from our neighboring States of the Union. Again a profitable two days were spent in discussions of subjects of particular interest. such as:

Suggestions for Making Masonic Education Efficient and Helpful, by R.W. Bro. L. Healey, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Lodge of British Columbia.

The Responsibility of a Freemason as a Citizen, by R.W. Bro. H. E. Howard, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta.

Have Speculative Freemasons Forgotten the Operative Art? by R.W. Bro. G. H. Hummel, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan.

Is There Need for a Masonic Service Association of Canada? by R.W. Bro. G. A. McMorran, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

The Activities and Personal Responsibilities of a Grand Master, by M.W. Bro. LeRoy W. Bond, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta.

What Is the Optimum Size of a Lodge? by M.W. Bro. F. H. Blythe, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

Responsibilities of Sponsors and Investigating Committees, by M.W. Bro. Hedley Auld, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan.

DISTRICT MEETINGS

I attended the Meetings of all the eighteen Districts and was accompanied by M.W. Brother George Moore, our Grand Secretary. I feel I must pause here for a moment to pay a special word of appreciation to M.W. Bro. Moore for his untiring effort in supporting me at these Meetings. As someone remarked, "George Moore is a walking encyclopedia of Masonic knowledge." I was also accompanied by R.W. Brother W. H. Jackson, Senior Grand Warden, on all

but one or two occasions, for which I was most grateful. On all of these visits I had the company and loyal support of a great many present and past members of Grand Lodge, which was, I can assure you, a great help and inspiration.

I have, during the year, had the good fortune of having capable and efficient District Deputies. They, of course, had charge of the District Meetings on all occasions and in many cases they have accompanied me on my visits to individual Lodges. On your behalf as well as my own, I would extend thanks and appreciation for their faithful service.

District Meetings were held as follows:

District	Place of Meeting	D.D.G.M.	Date
13.	Spirit River	R.W. Bro. Wm. Cassie	July 26, 1951
14.	Empress	R.W. Bro. Glen Russell	Aug. 16, 1951
4.	Red Deer	R.W. Bro. John D. Thomas	Oct. 3, 1951
9.	Alix	R.W. Bro. Robt. Whitfield	Oct. 4, 1951
15.	Trochu	R.W. Bro. John P. Ferguson	Oct. 5, 1951
5.	Sedgewick	R.W. Bro. Carl E. Blakeney	Oct. 16, 1951
17.	Tofield	R.W. Bro. Wm. A. Webb	Oct. 17, 1951
10.	Edmonton	R.W. Bro. Murray Hamilton	Oct. 18, 1951
16.	Drumheller	R.W. Bro. W. H. D. Anderson	Oct. 24, 1951
12.	Edmonton	R.W. Bro. Geo. G. Campbell	Oct. 30, 1951
3.	Edmonton	R.W. Bro. John S. Parker	Oct. 31, 1951
11.	Carmangay	R.W. Bro. J. Walter Neilson	Nov. 6, 1951
7.	Lethbridge	R.W. Bro. G. L. Berry	Nov. 7, 1951
8.	Macleod	R.W. Bro. C. S. Roach	Nov. 8, 1951
18.	Strathmore	R.W. Bro. Percy Wm. Slater	Nov. 13, 1951
1.	Calgary	R.W. Bro. Robt. D. Clarke	Nov. 14, 1951
6.	Claresholm	R.W. Bro. G. L. Morrison	Nov. 15, 1951
2.	Medicine Hat	R.W. Bro. C. T. Schon	Nov. 21, 1951

I consider the District Meeting to be one of the most important links in our connection, especially those of the rural areas. First, it gives the Grand Master an opportunity to meet with at least some representatives of all Lodges and to get through them and through the D.D.G.M., some first hand information as to how the work is going forward in the constituent Lodges. I should also state here that the attendance in the rural areas particularly, was most commendable. At one District Meeting I recall we had something like 75 per cent of the resident members of the district present.

Secondly, and equally important, it gives the Grand Master and other Grand Lodge Officers accompanying him, an opportunity to give those present some interesting information to take back to their Lodges, regarding the duties and functions of Grand Lodge and I hope further there has been imparted to them some worth while note of inspiration that will result in still better work within the Lodges and a widening influence of Masonic principles without. I would bespeak for my successor, that you give him all the support possible through the District Meetings.

LODGE VISITATIONS

As I have stated earlier in these remarks, it would be a physical impossibility for a Grand Master to visit all the Constituent Lodges during his one year of office, but I have endeavored to make as many visits as possible and I have tried to give at least fair service in this regard. As I have already stated, I have been accompanied by Grand Lodge Officers, past and present, and members of the Craft, which has been a great help and inspiration. I shall not take the time to recite all these visitations but they will be contained in the Grand Lodge Proceedings.

I appreciate the many invitations received and regret I was not able to accept them all.

June 19th, 1951 - First Official Visit Unity Lodge No. 51, Edmonton
June 21st, 1951 Official Visit - - Star of the West No. 34 Leduc
June 22nd, 1951 Visited Patricia No. 91 Edmonton
June 26th, 1951 Visited Victoria No. 13 50th Anniversary Ft. Saskatchewan
June 27th, 1951 Visited Dominion No. 117 Edmonton
July 17th, 1951 - Attended Communication of the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario.
July 25th to 28th, 1951 - - District Meeting No. 13 Spirit River
Aug. 16th, 1951 District Meeting No. 14 Empress
Aug. 21st, 22nd, 1951 — Montana Grand Lodge . . Butte, Mont.
Sept. 5th to 7th, 1951 Banff Conference Banff
Sept. 10th to 12th, 1951 Meeting of Supreme Council of A. & A.S.R. Winnipeg
Sept. 17th, 1951 - Instituted Evergreen Lodge . . . . Edmonton
Sept. 18th, 1951 Visited Unity Lodge No. 51 Edmonton
Sept. 24th, 1951 - By Special invitation attended reception in Alberta College Auditorium for Primate of Canada, Archbishop Barefoot.
Sept. 25th, 1951 - - Visited Edmonon Lodge No. 7 Edmonton
Oct. 3rd, 1951 -- District Meeting No. 4. Presented two 50-year Jewels to Brothers Kerby and Ensign Red Deer
Oct. 4th, 1951 - District Meeting No. 9 . . Alix
Oct. 5th, 1951 - District Meeting No. 15 Trochu
Oct. 9th, 1951 - Attended Grand Lodge of Illinois Chicago
Oct. 14th, 1951 Attended Divine Service, McDougall Church . . . Edmonton
Oct. 15th, 1951 - - Visited Unity Lodge No. 51 . Edmonton
Oct. 16th, 1951 - District Meeting No. 5 . Sedgewick
Oct. 17th, 1951 District Meeting No. 17 Tofield
Oct. 18th, 1951 - - District Meeting No. 10 . . . Edmonton
Oct. 24th, 1951 - District Meeting No. 16 . Drumheller
Oct. 27th, 1951 -- Unity Lodge No. 51 — Ladies' Night Edmonton
Oct. 30th, 1951 - District Meeting No. 12 . . . . Edmonton
Oct. 31st, 1951 - District Meeting No. 3 . Edmonton
Nov. 6th, 1951 — District Meeting No. 11 . . Carmangay
Nov. 7th, 1951 - District Meeting No. 7 . Lethbridge
Nov. 8th, 1951 — District Meeting No. 8 . . Macleod
Nov. 13th, 1951 - District Meeting No. 18 . . . Strathmore
Nov. 14th, 1951 -- District Meeting No. 1 . . . . . Calgary
Nov. 15th, 1951 District Meeting No. 6 . . . Claresholm

Nov. 20th, 1951 — Annual Game Dinner, followed by Meeting ..... Vulcan
Nov. 21st, 1951 — District Meeting No. 2. Respects paid to four old-timers, Bros. Lorrain, Sprague, Chisholm, Collier .. Medicine Hat
Nov. 22nd, 1951 — Attended joint meeting of Coalhurst, Nobleford and Picture Butte Lodges at ..... Coalhurst
Nov. 30th, 1951 — Jasper Lodge No. 14 — 50th Anniversary ..... Edmonton
Dec. 3rd, 1951 — Visited Evergreen Lodge U.D. . Edmonton
Dec. 5th, 1951 — Unity Lodge No. 51. Dinner in Temple, organization meeting at Highlands. Petition started. . Edmonton
Dec. 6th, 1951 — Masters, Wardens & Deacons Assoc. Annual Dinner.
Dec. 8th, 1951 — Commercial Lodge No. 81 ..... Edmonton
Dec. 10th, 1951 — Accompanied R.W. Bro. Murray Hamilton on his Official Visit to Lamont.
Dec. 11th, 1951 — Edmonton No. 7 — Official Visit . . Edmonton
Dec. 14th, 1951 — Organization Meeting for new York Rite Lodge.
Dec. 17th, 1951 — Strathcona No. 77 — Official Visit and Installation of Officers ..... Edmonton
Dec. 18th, 1951 — Unity Lodge No. 51 — Installation of Officers ..... Edmonton
Dec. 19th, 1951 — Ivanhoe No. 142 — Installation . . Edmonton
Dec. 27th, 1951 — Dominion No. 117 — Official Visit .. Edmonton
Dec. 29th, 1951 — Gateway No. 104 — Installation and Official Visit ..... Edmonton
Dec. 25th. 1951 — Christmas Morning — Service of Knights' Templars.
Jan. 7th, 1952 — Evergreen U.D. — Official Visit . . . Edmonton
Jan. 23rd, 1952 — Attended meeting of Finance Committee and Board of Benevolence at ..... Calgary
Feb. 18th to 21st, 1952 — Washington Conference, Washington, D.C.
Mar. 4th, 1952 — Unity Lodge No. 51 ..... Edmonton
Mar. 7th, 1952 — Whitecourt No. 153 — Official Visit . Whitecourt
Mar. 17th, 1952 — Evergreen U.D. ..... Edmonton
Mar. 18th, 1952 — Unity No. 51 ..... Edmonton
Mar. 19th, 1952 — West Edmonton No. 101 — Official Visit ..... Edmonton
Mar. 26th, 1952 — Dominion No. 117 — Official Visit and City Police Night ..... Edmonton
Apr. 10th & 13th, 1952 — Rose Croix. Gave Easter Sunday Morning talk at Macdonald Hotel . Edmonton
Apr. 16th, 1952 — Attended Kenilworth and Red Deer Lodges, Grand Master's Night ..... Red Deer
Apr. 28th, 1952 — Renfrew Lodge No. 134 . . Calgary
May 6th, 1952 — Unity Lodge No. 51 .. Edmonton
May 8th, 1952 — Yellowknife No. 162 — Official Visit Yellowknife
May 9th, 1952 — Instituted Temple Lodge ..... Edmonton

However, I would like to take time to refer to one official visit in particular. On May 8th, accompanied by M.W. Bro. Moore, R.W. Bro. H. E. Howard and M.W. Bro. Sam Harris, I visited Yellowknife Lodge and was most agreeably surprised and pleased to find a very efficient and well conducted Lodge at that far northern outpost. They have little or no opportunity for visiting other Lodges, as the nearest one is some six hundred miles distant, and when any of them come

out it is usually in the summer months when most Lodges are not meeting. They have a membership of forty resident members and of these thirty-four were present on this occasion. Work in the first degree was carried out in a very efficient manner. They are not only carrying on efficiently in the Lodge but are likewise rendering good service to the community.

This Lodge was instituted by M.W. Bro. Crane-Williams and since has been under the direction of R.W. Bro. Charles E. Garnett, Grand Master's Special Representative in N.W.T.

NEW LODGES

As I have already stated, I feel that there is a need for more Lodges, especially in these rapidly growing cities, and I have been gratified to know that steps have been taken or are under way for the formation of the following Lodges:

Canada Lodge at Calgary, Evergreen Lodge at Edmonton have already been Instituted and are working under Dispensation.

On May 9th last I had the pleasure of Instituting Temple Lodge, at which about 270 Brethren were present.

Dispensations have also been issued for Avon Glen Lodge at Edmonton and Highlands Lodge at Edmonton, and St. George's Lodge at Elk Point.

Petitions are also out to a group of Brethren at Lac la Biche and also the old members of the Lodge at Barrhead are contemplating reviving old Earl Haig Lodge which has been dormant for some years.

GRAND LODGE BULLETIN

Under the able Editorship of M.W. Bro. Sam Harris, our Bulletin is increasing in popularity and is recognized as one of the best published Masonic Journals. It carries a wealth of valuable information and instruction, and I hope it will soon be made available to every member.

Our thanks are extended to M.W. Bro. Harris for his untiring efforts in this regard.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

I approved the following:

Bro. Richard N. Schwabe as our Representative near the (York) Grand Lodge of Mexico.
Bro. Rufus N. Runke as our Representative near the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin.

I also appointed the following Brethren as Representatives near the following Grand Lodges:

R.W. Bro. Ross S. Sheppard (11) . . . . . New Brunswick

R.W. Bro. Chas. Reach (3) ..... North Dakota
R.W. Bro. Roy Anderson (42) ..... Ohio
R.W. Bro. Harold H. Bentley (87) ..... Western Australia

RECOMMENDATIONS

I would recommend that in future the Committee on Jurisprudence consists of not more than five members and that the Chairman be a member of the Legal profession.

I would also recommend that the in-coming Grand Master appoint a special committee to make a thorough study of Public Liability Insurance as it applies to Grand Lodge and all constituent Lodges and members.

In conclusion, may I again express to you all my sincere thanks for the opportunity you so kindly afforded me to serve you during the past year as your Grand Master, and for the loyal support you have given me while carrying out the duties of this high office. It has been a most enjoyable year and my only regret is that it is soon over and I shall probably not again have the opportunity of renewing all the grand acquaintances I have made during the year. It has been an enriching experience which one cannot meet without gaining a broader horizon and deeper knowledge of the meaning and purpose of our beloved Fraternity.

We are deeply concerned today by the state of confusion and frustration which exists in the world. We view with alarm the apparent increase in the influence and domination of a philosophy of life which is based on purely materialistic and atheistic principles and which is diametrically opposed to our conception of life. While this is most disturbing, I wonder sometimes if we are placing the emphasis in the wrong place.

Not long ago a Gallup Poll was taken on the question of whether the greater menace facing the world today is Communism or the breakdown of moral standards. Communism won the poll by a small margin, but I wonder if the latter is not the greater menace.

The pages of history afford ample evidence of results which follow the breakdown of moral and spiritual values. Civilizations after Civilizations have risen in the history of the world and have flourished for a time, but because they were either founded on principles which left God out of the picture or drifted into moral and spiritual debasement, they have gone down to ruin. It would seem that while we must of necessity defend ourselves with force, we must also remember that if our so-called Christian Democracy is to continue, it must be based on those fundamental principles laid down for our guidance in the volume of the Sacred Law. In this, we as Masons have a great responsibility. This grand old Fraternity has existed for all these years, because it is well founded and because it has a mission to perform. It is not the purpose of Masonry. nor can it by its very nature attempt to impose its way of life on the world by any united campaign, but we as individual

Masons can, by practicing in our daily lives those excellent principles which are inculcated within our Lodges ,make our contribution to the building of a better world.

The great purpose of Masonry is the building of character and service to our fellow men. It is through the acquisition of a knowledge of the teachings of Masonry and our practical application of that knowledge to our daily lives that Masons acquire the art of living in harmony with and in service to our fellow men. If only the world could be brought to view life in this light, the golden age of peace and prosperity would soon dawn on this troubled world.

We Canadians live in a land richly blessed by Providence with material resources in untold measure. We enjoy liberty, freedom and the right to think and act and worship as we wish. We believe in the spiritual things and the fundamental freedoms which are the right of all men. Let us not become so engrossed with material things that we forget the other. If we do this then right will triumph in the end. To doubt this were to lose faith in ourselves and in the Great Architect of the Universe.

May I close with these words of that great Christian Indian, Rabindranath Tagore:

"Where the mind is without fear and the head is held high;
Where knowledge is free;
Where the world has not been broken up into fragments by narrow domestic walls;
Where words come out from the depth of truth;
Where tireless striving stretches its arms towards perfection;
Where the clear stream of reason has not lost its way into the dreary desert sand of dead habit;
Where the mind is led forward by Thee into ever widening thought and action —
Into that Heaven of freedom, my Father, let my country awake."

Fraternally submitted,

WALDO F. EMPEY, Grand Master.

RESOLVED on Motion of M.W. Bro. W. Ireland, (9) Seconded by M.W. Bro. F. P. Galbraith (29). "That the Grand Master's address as presented be received and referred to the Committee on the Grand Master's address. CARRIED."

RECEPTION OF THE MAYOR OF EDMONTON

R.W. Bro. John Booth:

It is, indeed, an honour and a pleasure for me to introduce to you His Worship, William Hawrelak, Mayor of the City of Edmonton. He tells me that he was here on the appointed hour, however the difficulty of parking in this City, delayed him owing to having to go around this block and several blocks several times before he could find a place to park. Now he has been here over his parking limit

and will possibly have a ticket. He is here among friends. He is, himself, a Mason — a member of Acacia Lodge No. 11 and a member of Avon Glen Lodge under dispensation. We know that he inculcates the principles of Free Masonry in his daily duties and also in his trust to the public. We would prevail on him as Chief Magistrate to have some consideration for our visitors. I doubt if he could do much for us last night and get beds for these Brethren. However, I think, he could do much for us and may he exercise a little of that quality of charity which he so excellently expounds and when our Brethren get in trouble looking for a place to park lend them some help out of the difficulty. I have pleasure in giving to you William Hawrelak, Mayor of the City of Edmonton.

The Grand Master:

It is a great pleasure, indeed, to have you come to us this morning. I am sorry that you got delayed in getting here, but you have this consolation, you did not have to listen to me, and if you do get stuck with a ticket, why just charge it up to George Moore, the Grand Lodge Secretary. We are glad to have you here and we would be pleased to have you speak at this time.

Mayor Hawrelak:

I am glad to have this opportunity of welcoming the delegates to the forty seventh Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Alberta. I am sorry to hear and learn of some of the unfortunate incidents connected with the members coming to this meeting, more particularly with the accommodation. It so happens that this week we have three large functions concentrated together. We have the Chiropractic Association of Western Canada, the McColl Frontenac Refinery opening this afternoon and, of course, your own Annual Communication and all that, with the limited facilities we have, has taxed our accommodation. We do hope the next time we will be able to greet you with better accommodation. As you know a new hotel wing is being completed.

It gives me an added pleasure why I am particularly glad to be here this morning, that is because I am a member of this Fraternal Society, and it gives me an opportunity perhaps to tell you why I am honoured and proud to be a member and a Brother of Free Masonry.

It seems to me that Free Masonry has stood the test of all the elements that man himself could have imposed upon himself over generations and all the different trials that he has tried to perpetrate upon himself to destroy those things and foundations out of existence but having stood that test of time because of the principles of and the foundation of Free Masonry, it seems that it must speak for the organization itself.

What are the three important principles of Free Masonry? I learned them when I was first taken into Free Masonry and it seems that they come in three short words and they are Virtue, Morality and Brotherly Love. Just think them over. I really do not have to ask you to do that because you are those people — those men — in whose minds those principles are inculated.

Is it not the most important thing in life to be virtuous, to think sincerely and to work with a pure motive. I think that this world now finds itself in a situation where some of these actions are not so pure; where some thoughts are not so sincere and Free Masonry having that as one of the important planks of its existence, I think we have something to offer to the people in trouble. Can we not disseminate more of that? Give it to more people from our own Society, our own Free Masonry? Cannot we extend it to the people around us, to the neighborhood in which we live, to the countries in which we are, to the international sphere?

There is, of course, the morality of this. I think that that too is important. I think the M.W. the Grand Master indicated I was saved the unpleasantness of hearing his address, but I did hear it and he said the moral code of existence is important. Sometimes when we strive for material things we overlook these things. It seems to me, over a period of time and through our own existence we live in today, the morality of things is the test. The morality of action—is it good? Is it good for you, or your family, or your community, fellow man, is it moral? Does it tend to lift the principles we expound?

The third one is Brotherly Love. Are we prepared to do those things for our brother we would like to have done for us? Are we prepared to offer assistance and succour to people that need help? Are we prepared to do those things? I think Free Masonry is proving that we are not only prepared to teach, talk and extend it but by every day action to demonstrate it. It seems to me that having lived through generations and having gone through the various attempts of mankind to destroy those principles, Free Masonry has been able to overcome these things and live through them and become stronger and more vigorous.

It seems that in every generation there is someone who will attempt to destroy the good things of life and we are faced with that today. And so I suggest that to you as Brethren and members of Free Masonry, it should be our added responsibility, our more eager determination to fully live the life of the principles of Free Masonry. It seems to me that the Egyptian pyramids well indicate what time and the elements of Nature have attempted to do to the Craftsmanship of construction, of the determination of people to build. It might well symbolize Free Masonry itself. As you know the Egyptian pyramids are built and still stand over centuries and though winds have blown and nature has taken its course those pyramids stand on a firm foundation and that fact is to me analogous of our own Free Masonry. I therefore do take an additional pride and honour in being asked to say a few words to you because of the deep significance I feel of the principles of Free Masonry and what it means to us and free men.

May I, in conclusion, wish that this annual Communication brings you added inspiration and more eager determination to bring Free Masonry and what it stands for to more people about you, your Community, to your everyday life and help make our fellow men understand fellow men and thereby help to restore the conditions that seem

to be so turbulent and so unsettled. Recognizing this I am sure you and I are more determined than ever to do our part to meet this test. It is a pleasure, sir, to be here this morning.

The Grand Master: Thank you very sincerely for your fine words and greetings and inspiration. We are very happy indeed to have you with us. If you wish you may stay and take part in the proceedings until noon but if you desire to leave you can get away—whichever you wish.

Mayor Hawrelak: I am sorry, sir, I have to leave but nevertheless it does not mean I will not be thinking of you here.

REPORTS
of District Deputy Grand Masters

MASONIC DISTRICT NO. 1

To the M.W. The Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M.W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit to you, for your consideration and approval, my report as your District Deputy of the Masonic District No. 1 for the year 1951-1952.

DISTRICT MEETING

The 33rd Annual District Meeting of District No. 1 was held in the Masonic Temple, 12th Ave. W., Calgary, on Wednesday, November 14th 1951.

Prior to the meeting the Masters and Wardens met the M.W. the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. Geo. Moore, when an informal discussion and questions for the good of the Craft took place. This will be of help to the Officers of the Lodges and of benefit to all the Brethren.

After dinner the District Meeting was held in the Lodge Room, the Officers of Bow River Lodge No. 1 taking charge. The D.D.G.M. was then received and opened the District Meeting.

The Grand Master, accompanied by R.W. Bro. W. H. Jackson, S.G.W., M.W. Bro. Geo. Moore, Grand Secretary, R.W. Bro. D. McL. Campbell, Grand Chaplain, 5 P.D.D.G.M.'s and 3 other past Grand Lodge Officers were then received with Grand Honors.

Reports concerning the general conditions and prospects of each Lodge were presented to the meeting by the Masters of the constituent Lodges and were complimented by the M.W. the Grand Master on their evident progress.

On the invitation of King Solomon Lodge No. 41, the District Meeting for 1952 will be held at Cochrane.

The election of D.D.G.M. for the coming year resulted in one nomination, that of W. Bro. W. F. Grey, and from the floor of the Lodge of W. Bro. A. W. Dingle. After a ballot W. Bro. A. W. Dingle

was declared elected, subject to the approval of the Grand Master.

R.W. Bro. L. J. Rosling gave a report of his year's work and commented on the splendid Masonic spirit throughout the District.

The Grand Master gave a most instructive and inspiring address the memory of which will remain with the brethren and ultimately redound for the good of the Craft.

STATISTICAL

There has been an increase of 47 in the membership of Masons in the District. It is with deep regret that the passing to the Grand Lodge above of 40 brethren of the District is reported.

Four Lodges in the District own their own buildings. The other four lodges meeting in the Calgary Masonic Temple are part owners of the building. All properties are being maintained in a good state of repair. King Solomon No. 41 has improved their property very materially during the year. Adequate insurance is being carried.

Good use of the Grand Lodge Bulletin is being made and discussions arising out of the material therein is of frequent occurrence.

SPECIAL EVENTS

It was my honor, early in the year, to present, at the request of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, a 50-Year button to Bro. W. R. Harvey of Qu'Appelle Lodge No. 6, at a meeting of my own Lodge, Bow River No. 1. I am happy to state that Bro. Harvey has now affiliated with one of the Lodges in the District.

Bow River Lodge No. 1 had as visitors the members of Canada Lodge U.D., at a meeting conferring the E.A. Degree. One of the candidates was a fellow worker with the Master of the new Lodge, who assisted in the ceremony. This, I believe, is the first occasion where it was possible to have the youngest and oldest Lodge unite in harmony and promote the tenets of the Craft.

On the 6th February, our beloved King, George 6th, was called to the Grand Lodge above, and, in accordance with the directions received from the M.W. the Grand Master, the Lodges of Districts 1 and 18 held a joint Lodge of Mourning. This was held on Sunday, February 17th, 1952, at 3 o'clock, at Al Azhar Temple. All city Lodges and King Solomon No. 41, Cochrane, were present. (Cascade Lodge No. 5, Banff, held their ceremony at Banff.) Lodge was under the direction of the Wor. Master and Officers of Bow River Lodge No. 1. Wor. Bro. Rev. Canon Morgan, of Canada Lodge, U.D., gave the Invocation and Memorial Address. Bro. Rev. J. Gordon Jones of Perfection Lodge No. 9 read the Lesson. Much time and labor was given by the brethren in draping and preparing the Lodge Room for this solemn occasion.

It was my privilege to journey to Banff on October 6, 1951, when Cascade Lodge held an Inter-provincial Meeting, at which brethren from British Columbia and Districts Nos. 1 and 18 met together. A

very interesting and instructive session concluded with the brethrens' knowledge of our own problems and those of our sister Province being better understood.

GENERAL REMARKS

The year has been one of considerable activity in this District and, I believe, has resulted in better and sustained interest among the Brethren.

Education of the new members and a more enquiring interest by the older Masons has been marked. I am convinced that better use is being made of the facilities available in the Lodge Libraries and the material found in the Grand Lodge Bulletin. On suitable occasions it is now the practice in several of the Lodges to have papers prepared and read and short discussions on the subject matter.

I have visited each Lodge in the District twice officially, once in the Fall and once in the Spring, thus making use of the opportunity to visit the Officers of 1951 and those of 1952. These visits were made on Regular Meetings, during which it was possible to observe the handling of the business. Other visits were made when Degrees were being conferred, or some outstanding event such as Past Masters' Night, Novice Night or Festival occasions.

During these visits I have been impressed with the active interest being maintained by the Past Masters and the timely advice and assistance available to the Officers of the Lodges and the mutual benefit to all concerned.

The Lodge Records are kept in good order by experienced Secretaries. I have found that the Historical Record is now showing the efforts of my predecessors and reflects a better understanding of the use of this Record.

In conclusion I would record a very deep sense of the high honor conferred upon me and the responsibility vested in me by the Masons of District No. 1 during the year. The kindly way I have been received on all my visits has been a rich Masonic experience. I appreciate deeply the honor and privilege, Most Worshipful Sir, to have served as your Deputy in the District.

I would here record my appreciation to my District Secretary, W. Bro. J. A. Lindsay, who performed his duties in a very efficient manner, and accompanied me on all my official visits.

Finally, to you Most Worshipful Sir and to the Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. Geo. Moore, I would express my thanks for kindly advice and courtesies received on many occasions throughout the year.

Respectfully and fraternaly submitted,

R. D. CLARKE,
D.D.G.M., District No. 1.

MASONIC DISTRICT No. 2

To The M.W. The Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M.W. Brother:

I submit herewith my report respecting the affairs of this District for the year 1951-52.

OFFICIAL VISITS

Following is a list of Lodges visited and dates:

Medicine Hat Lodge, No. 2, October 23, 1951.

Mizpah Lodge, No. 35, October 30, 1951.

Bassano Lodge, No. 55, October 11, 1951 and March 13, 1952.

Grassy Lake Lodge, No. 57, November 8, 1951 and April 10, 1952.

Bow Island Lodge, No. 64, October 17, 1951 and March 9, 1952.

Quarry Lodge, No. 70, October 2, 1951 and April 1, 1952.

Brooks Lodge, No. 73, December 18, 1951.

Manyberries Lodge, No. 133, October 18, 1951 and May 15, 1952. (arranged).

A brief report on each Lodge is given below:

Medicine Hat Lodge, No. 2.

High standards of proficiency have been set by this Lodge over the years. The officers of the past two years have, like those before, fully maintained these standards and most of the credit belongs to the Masters, W. Bro. J. D. Lindsay and C. P. Blacklee, for 1951 and 1952.

The Lodge affairs are in excellent condition and the records maintained by R.W. Bro. W. H. Williams, Secretary, are a monument to his care and labor and invite imitation.

A Masonic Research Night was held on March 25th, 1952. Talks were given on Masonic and related subjects. A large number of members and visitors attended this annual event. Of the nine speakers, six (including the Research Committee's Chairman, Bro. E. McKenzie) were younger brethren without rank or office. This lends support to the belief that most members will give freely of their time and talents, if asked and encouraged to do so.

Mizpah Lodge, No. 35.

This Lodge is fortunate in having had, throughout past years, well skilled Masters to conduct its affairs and confer degrees. And the 1951 Master, W. Bro. E. J. Brooks, proved, as his successor, W. Bro. J. R. C. Wright, is proving, that the quality of their work compares most favorably with that of their predecessors.

The Lodge is in a successful state and its records are kept remarkably well by V.W. Bro. Jas. Henderson, Secretary.

Bassano Lodge, No. 55.

The affairs of this Lodge have improved perceptibly since the close of the late war. Initiations and affiliations have added to the resident membership with the result that attendance and interest greatly increased. The officers feel encouraged and are efficient. Good progress is being made under their active Master, W. Bro. T. Bayles.

The Lodge building stands in need of fairly heavy repair. Priority has been given and the necessary work will, it is expected, be undertaken quite soon.

Grassy Lake Lodge, No. 57.

Considerable headway has been made, and continues to be made, in improving the Lodge. Increased membership and better times have largely contributed. The Lodge attendance chiefly consists of younger brethren who, by their education and experience, are well able to assist in the business of the Lodge and give expression to their individual viewpoints.

The Lodge is situate in an area which holds great promise for the future, both agriculturally and economically.

Bow Island Lodge, No. 64.

While past attendance has suffered from a variety of causes, those who attend regularly are resolved to remedy this. The Lodge is on a sound and progressive basis and attendance is gradually improving.

The Lodge is drawing worthwhile attention to itself by making and sending representation to many outside Masonic functions, at the same time maintaining pleasant fraternal relations with neighboring Lodges. Much credit for these progressive moves is due to V.W. Bro. A. Stephens and W. Bro. Calder.

The future of this Lodge is bright, due to its fortunate location and spirit of its members.

Quarry Lodge, No. 70.

The high average attendance of resident members is proof of the interest taken by them in their Lodge. The competency of its officers is beyond all question and to W. Bro. Thacker, W.M., goes much of the credit. He is an able administrator and confers degrees in a most praiseworthy manner.

Music features their degrees. It consists of singing, with piano accompaniment, specially recorded on a tape recorder and played at the appropriate times during the ceremonies. All recording is done by the members on a machine owned by a member. It makes any degree very impressive.

Brooks Lodge, No. 73.

This Lodge is fortunate in having a substantial membership who give the Master and officers strong support. And for their part, the Masters of last year and this, W. Bro. R. H. Donaldson and G. E. Smith, have done their best to keep their meetings highly informative and interesting. The officers have a thorough knowledge of their respective officers and are proficient.

The business of the Lodge is well managed and conducted and the records in very good order.

Manyberries Lodge, No. 133.

No other Lodge in this District is obliged to labor under the many handicaps that this Lodge must. Nor is there a Lodge with any better fraternal spirit and wish to be of service to the Craft.

It is situated in a large ranching-farming area. Having a limited resident membership, with the members living distant from Lodge and from each other, few and poor roads, an active agricultural season and recently severe winters. The weather of the past few years, with its effect on already poor roads, has restricted attendance and handicapped the Master and Officers. No Officer has been more active than W. Bro. J. M. Underdahl, Secretary, in promoting the welfare of his Lodge. To him and to all the other Officers, goes the praise of the District for their energy and persistency in the face of disappointments.

The M.W. Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Waldo F. Empey, has arranged to pay a visit to this Lodge on May 15th, 1952, at which time I intend to again visit them. It is hoped that many other Lodges of the District will be represented at Manyberries when the M.W. Grand Master attends. (Cancelled owing to bad weather.)

Membership is now on the increase and this particular difficulty seems to be on the way to being overcome.

DISTRICT MEETING

The annual meeting of the Lodges within this District was held in Medicine Hat on November 21st, 1951.

The M.W. Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Waldo F. Empey, the Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. George Moore, and the Senior Grand Warden, R.W. Bro. W. H. Jackson, attended and during the evening were received with the customary honors.

An informal meeting of Masters, Wardens and members held in the afternoon allowed time for full discussion and opportunity for opinion on subjects of interest. This part of the program proved useful as well as informative.

Following the banquet, the District Meeting was opened by the Officers of Brooks Lodge, No. 73.

The outstanding event of the evening was the address of the M.W. the Grand Master. His address dealt with the need for each member to apply the practical teachings of Masonry to his own life while joining with all others in upholding the ideals of the Craft, to the end that all society would gain.

A question period was held during which many questions were asked and answered. This period is valuable for the reason that interesting questions are usually asked and the authoritative replies are available to those present, to be passed on in turn to others of the Craft.

V.W. Bro. Jas. Henderson of Mizpah Lodge, No. 35, was elected D.D.G.M. for the year 1952-53 by acclamation. The election of this popular brother was confirmed by much applause. The meeting place chosen for the 1952 District Meeting was Medicine Hat.

INSTALLATIONS

It was my privilege to be present at the installation of the officers of six lodges. These installations took place at three different times and places.

A joint installation at Medicine Hat on December 27th, 1951, saw the Officers of Medicine Hat Lodge, Mizpah Lodge, Bow Island Lodge and Quarry Lodge installed by R.W. Bro. Geo. Esmonde-White. Bro. White was ably assisted by brethren of rank from these Lodges. It was a superbly organized and perfectly conducted ceremony and earned the praise of all who attended.

At Bassano on January 10th, 1952, R.W. Bro. J. B. Wallace installed the Officers of Bassano Lodge. Bro. Wallace came from Calgary especially for the purpose and made the installation with his usual efficiency.

R.W. Bro. D. C. Macfarland acted as Installing Master for the installation of Brooks Lodge Officers on January 15th, 1952. The ceremony was most impressive due to Bro. Macfarland's experience.

LODGES OF MOURNING

Every Lodge in this District mourned the passing of our late W.M. Brother, King George VI, by holding memorial services.

A joint Lodge of Mourning was held in Medicine Hat on February 17th, 1952, by the Brethren of Medicine Hat Lodge, Mizpah Lodge, Bow Island Lodge and Quarry Lodge. A very large number attended to honor the memory of our late distinguished Brother and Sovereign.

The remaining Lodges of the District held special services at their regular meetings. A part of the evening was kept separate and distinct for the Lodge of Mourning.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The year of office is about to come to an end but before this occurs, I want to gratefully acknowledge and offer sincere and humble thanks to . . .

You, M.W. Sir, for appointing and thus permitting me to serve Masonry in this District,

M.W. Bro. Geo. Moore, Grand Secretary, for his kindly advice and welcome suggestions,

W. Bro. W. A. Noble, who, as District Secretary, again proved himself a very able organizer. And Bill is a really genial Brother, too,

R.W. Bro. Geo. Esmonde-White for his sound advice and willing help so often needed and asked for,

V.W. Bro. Jas. Henderson, Grand Steward and D.D.G.M.-elect, for his always welcome company and support on official visits,

And to those Officers and Brethren of Brooks, Medicine Hat, Mizpah and Bow Island Lodges who so willingly sacrificed their leisure time to go with me to rather distant Lodges, at times and hours most inconvenient to them.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

CHAS. T. SCHON,
D.D.G.M., District No. 2.

MASONIC DISTRICT No. 3

To the M.W. The Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M.W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit for your consideration and approval my report as your District Deputy of Masonic District No. 3 for the past year 1951-1952.

DISTRICT MEETING

The Annual District Meeting was held in the Central Masonic Temple, Edmonton, on Wednesday, October 31st, 1951. The meeting

was well attended and was divided into an afternoon and evening session. Only one Lodge failed to be represented, Meridian Lodge, No. 129. The afternoon session which opened in the library at 4 p.m. took the form of an open forum and forty-one brethren were in attendance. The Grand Master, The Grand Secretary and custodians of the work, Most Wor. Bro. John Martland and Right Wor. Bro. Fred Whitfield were present. Many and varied subjects came up for discussion, were freely discussed and satisfying answers given by the Grand Master, the Grand Secretary, and the custodians of the Work. It was a very instructive session. Dinner was served at 6 p.m. The toast to Grand Lodge was given by Wor. Bro. Stewart Gordon of Edmonton Lodge, No. 7 and replied to by the Grand Master. Most Wor. Bro. R. J. Bradley, P.G.M. and the Grand Secretary also spoke to the brethren. The District Meeting was opened at 7:30 p.m. by Wor. Bro. Gordon and the officers of Edmonton Lodge, No. 7. The District Grand Master was then received and introduced by Right Wor. Bro. F. Whitfield, and after the usual honors had been accorded he approached the East and assumed the gavel. Right Wor. Bros. Booth and Thompson of Unity Lodge, No. 51 were asked to retire and escort and introduce the Grand Master. The Grand Master entered the Lodge accompanied by the Grand Secretary and several other present and past Grand Lodge Officers, were accorded Grand Honors and invited to the East. The regular business of the District Meeting was then commenced, with representation from all the Lodges in the district with the exception of Meridian Lodge, No. 129.

After the minutes of the last District Meeting had been read and adopted, The Wor. Master and the officers of Evergreen Lodge, U.D. were introduced and welcomed by the brethren. This Lodge was instituted in September and was well represented. Three educational papers were read, "Our New Initiates", by Bro. R. E. Towns and Wor. Bro. F. B. G. Heron of Edmonton Lodge, No. 7. "What is Masonry," by Wor. Bro. W. Bullock of Unity Lodge, No. 51. "Are you disappointed in Masonry," by Right Wor. Bro. J. Thompson of Edson Lodge, No. 68. After the presentation of each paper, discusbrought forward, and these papers appeared to be thoroughly ension folowed and many very interesting and instructive points were joyed and appreciated by the brethren. For election to the office of District Deputy Grand Master for the years of 1952 and 1953 there were two nominations, Wor. Bro. G. M. Maclean of Edson Lodge, No. 68 and Wor. Bro. E. E. Neighbor of Jasper Park Lodge, No. 143. Wor. Bro. R. C. Baxter of Jasper Park Lodge requested that Wor. Bro. Neighbor's name be withdrawn and Wor. Bro. G. M. Maclean was then declared elected D.D.G.M. of District No. 3 for the years of 1952 and 1953, subject to the approval of the Grand Master. Right Wor. Bro. John Ferguson, P.D.D.G.M. gave his report covering his term of office as D.D.G.M. and was presented with a Past D.D.G.M.'s regalia by the Grand Master. Discussion then took place on the holding of the next District Meeting in 1952. Wor. Bro. Maclean made a motion that it be held at Edson. Right Wor. Bro. F. George in making an amendment to the motion asked that it be held in Wetaskiwin. On the vote being taken, Edson was declared to be the place of the next District Meeting. The Grand Master was then called upon to address the brthren. He expressed his pleasure for the presentation of the educational papers. Spoke on the careful

selection of candidates, of masonic influence in Service and Social Clubs and of masonic influence in the world today. His address was inspiring and well received as shown by the applause at its conclusion. The District Meeting drew one of the greatest numbers ever attending and I am quite sure was enjoyed by all present.

VISITATION OF LODGES

Meridian Lodge, No. 129. Visited this Lodge on Wednesday, July 11th saw the Third Degree conferred upon three F.C. The work of the Officers left room for improvement. My official visit was on Wednesday, November 14th. This was a regular meeting at which a detailed report was presented by the Chairman of the building committee. They have bought a building and are remodelling it into a Lodge Hall. On my examination of the books and records in the hands of the secretary I found five members still being carried on the membership of the Lodge and of these five, one owed four years dues and four owed three years dues. I advised the Grand Secretary of this un-constitutional state of affairs and this has since been brought into line with the constitution. On Wednesday, January 9th, 1952, I again visited this Lodge with the express purpose of seeing that all members who were owing more than one year's dues were declared suspended by the Worshipful Master for N.P.D. and I am very glad to state that the un-constitutional state of affairs that I found on my official visit has been brought to an end. The books and records are now in order. The Historical Record is rather neglected and requires being brought up to date. Membership as at Dec. 31st, 1951, 67, of which 60 are resident members.

Edmonton Lodge, No. 7. This is my own Mother Lodge, being Wor. Master in 1938 and Secretary for the past five years. My official visit was on Tuesday, September 11 and I was supported by eight Present and Past Grand Lodge Officers. Edmonton Lodge is one of the three largest Lodges in Alberta, having a membership of 379 at December 31st. It has a very efficient and active slate of Officers and helpful and interested Past Masters. Several special nights are held in the conferring of degrees. Rotary Night, Side Benchers Night, Affiliated Past Masters Night, Transportation Night, and Past Masters' Night, all conductive to the welfare of the Lodge. Being the Secretary of the Lodge I must not elaborate on the way the books and records of the Lodge are kept. They are all in order and up to date. The Historical Record is well kept and up to date. The Lodge will celebrate its 60th anniversary in October, 1952, and plans are under way for this anniversary. Much more could be said for this Lodge but modesty keeps a bridle on my pen.

Evergreen Lodge U.D. This Lodge was instituted on Monday, September 17th, 1951, and it was my honor and privilege to assist the Grand Master at this institution. 49 names were on the petition for institution of this Lodge. This new Lodge has at the present time suitable quarters for their Lodge meetings in the basement of the United Church in Jasper Place. Very Wor. Bro. A. J. Lauder a Past Master of Acacia Lodge No. 11 is the Worshipful Master and he is supported by a slate of very enthusiastic officers. I officially visited this Lodge on Monday, January 7th, 1952, when they con-

ferred the E.A. Degree on their first three initiates. I was accompanied by the Grand Master (a charter member), and eight other Present and Past Grand Lodge Officers. 33 members and 42 visiting brethren were present. Their work was excellent and deserves great praise. My address to the brethren was on Masonry and covered Masonic living and Masonic character of Masons and I wish to thank you, Most Wor. Sir, for the very complimentary remarks and praise you extended me. Their Historical Record is getting under way and I offered helpful suggestions to the Registrar on the starting of their Historical Record. I again visited the Lodge on Monday, March 17th, 1952 and saw the F.C. conferred on six E.A. and I will again be visiting them before my term of office expires. Good luck to you Evergreen Lodge. You will be well worthy of your charter and I hope that I will be able to be present when you receive it.

Unity Lodge, No. 51. My first visit was on Tuesday, September 18th when the E.A. Degree was conferred on 5 candidates. The work of the Officers was excellent, especially the lecture given by the Junior Warden. My Official Visit was on Tuesday, October 2nd when I was accompanied by eight Present and Past Grand Lodge Officers. Unity Lodge is the second largest Lodge in Alberta with a membership of 410, and I was rather disappointed at the small attendance for such a large Lodge. Five Master Masons were examined in the work of the M.M. Degree and presented with their M.M. aprons. I again visited on Tuesday, December 18th, their Installation night, when you Most Worshipful Sir was the Installing Master. My next visit was on Tuesday, January 15th, their Annual Burns' Night, when Most. Wor. Bro. G. M. Blackstock, P.G.M. gave an address to the Immortal Memory. The haggis was piped in and adressed by Wor. Bro. T. Hollands. Again on Tuesday, February 19th I visited on their Annual R.C.M.P. Night, and had the honor of introducing Most Wor. Bro. H. B. Macdonald, P.G.M. who was your official representative, owing to your absence, due to your official duties in Washington. This R.C.M.P. Night is an outstanding event in Unity Lodge and draws a very large attendance. 395 signed the register and 64 Lodges were represented. The Degree of F.C. was conferred on six E.A. by brethren of the force, with Right Wor. Bro. E. H. Rivers, G.R. as Wor. Master. On Tuesday, March 4th, I again visited and took part in the Lodge of mourning. Unity Lodge has a very efficient slate of officers and their Lodge work, both business and the conferring of degrees shows that a great interest is taken in the work by the officers. Right Wor. Bro. John Booth is an ideal and very efficient Secretary and his books and records show proficiency in every respect. Their Historical Record is worthy of all praise. Like other city Lodges many special nights are held in conferring of Degrees, R.C.M.P. Night, Dairymen's Night, Burns' Night, Gyro's Night, and Past Masters' Night, which bring out many members and create interest in the Lodge.

Edson Lodge, No. 68. I officially visited this Lodge on Thursday, October 4th. This was a regular business meeting and the business of the Lodge was conducted in a very efficient manner. The books and records in the capable hands of Wor. Bro. A. H. Dakin are kept in a very efficient manner and their Historical Record is up to date. The welcome and hospitality extended to me leaves no doubt what-

soever that the brethren of Edson Lodge can and does practice the true Masonic Brotherhood that is so desirable. Once a year Edson Lodge holds an Emergent meeting up the Coal Branch, and on Saturday, April 19th I joined them and travelled up to Mercoal, when the F.C. Degree was conferred on five E.A. Edson Lodge has a non-resident membership of 157, and a resident membership of 52.

These non-resident members are mostly residing in the Coal Branch district, and the holding of a meeting once a year in this district is very worthy and commendable. The work of the conferring the F.C. Degree was done in a very efficient manner.

Jasper Park Lodge, No. 143. I paid my Official Visit on Thursday, October 11th. This was a regular business meeting and the business was conducted in a very efficient manner. The Secretary was on holidays, but Wor. Bro. York who was acting Secretary produced all the books and records for examination, which I found to be up to date and well kept. Their Historical Record should be transcribed into a proper book and I was given to understand that this is being carried out. The officers are alert and the business was well carried out. They own their own Lodge Hall and burned the mortgage a few months ago. They have had to take out a loan for $900.00 to meet repairs and alterations to their heating plant. For a Lodge only instituted in 1926, and with a membership of 127, they are to be congratulated on the progress they have made on the fine building they own. In making my official visit I travelled 470 miles. This is quite a distance to travel to pay a visit to a Lodge, but the welcome and the hospitality that was extended to me made the mileage quite insignificant. I was accompanied on this visit by Right Wor. Bro. J. L. Little, P.D.D.G.M.

Wetaskiwin Lodge, No. 15. I paid my Official Visit on Thursday, October 18th and was accompanied by eight Present and Past Grand Lodge Officers and several members of Edmonton Lodge, No. 7. This was a regular business meeting and the business of the Lodge was conducted in a very business like manner. The books and records I found in an excellent state under the care of their very efficient Secretary Wor. Bro. H. G. Smith. The Officers of the Lodge are active in the discharge of their several duties and are supported by interested and energetic Past Masters. I again visited on Thursday, February 21st, when Star of the West Lodge, No. 34 joined with them in Lodge of Mourning. A very beautiful address on our late Royal Brother was given by their Hon. Chaplain Right Wor. Bro. F. E. Smith. On Thursday, March 20th I again visited them when Strathcona Lodge, No. 77 paid a fraternal visit and conferred the E.A. Degree on four candidates. 31 members of Strathcona Lodge signed the register. These fraternal visits among Lodges are to be commended. They have a membership of 122, of which 76 are resident members.

Commercial Lodge, No. 81. I officially visited this Lodge on Saturday, November 3rd, and after the regular business, the Degree of M.M. was conferred on five F.C. The Officers of the Lodge are very efficient in their work. Both the business and the Degree work showing efficiency of their officers. The books and records in the hands of Wor. Bro. R. Shortreed as Secretary are in very capable

hands. Their Historical Record showed no entries since December of 1949, but I was assured by the Worshipful Master that a new Registrar was being appointed and that this neglect, he hoped, would very soon be cleaned up. I again visited on Saturday, December 8th, on their Installation Night. The Installation ceremonies were very ably conducted by Wor. Bro. W. W. Pattinson. The membership is 226 of which 175 are resident members.

Star of the West Lodge. I officially visited this Lodge on Tuesday, November 6th and was accompanied by eight Present and Past Grand Lodge Officers and also several members of my own Lodge. The regular business of the Lodge was followed by the conferring of the F.C. Degree on three candidates. Both the business and the Degree work was well conducted and showed a keen interest being taken by the officers of the Lodge. Their Installation is in June and with more experience their Degree work will be on a par with any other Lodge in the district. Their books and records in the capable hands of Wor. Bro. Wyllie as Secretary shows that a keen interest is taken in the keeping of the books and records. Their Historical Record has been sadly neglected but it is now in the hands of Right Wor. Bro. John Ferguson, P.D.D.G.M. and I am quite sure that it will be brought up to date and will be worthy of any Lodge. Their membership is 77 of which 48 are resident members, and they own their own Lodge hall.

GENERAL

Being the Secretary of my own Lodge I have taken especial interest in the books and records of the Secretary's of the Lodges in my district. On all my official visits I arranged to meet the Secretary's a half hour before the opening time of the Lodge and checked with him the books and records of his office. With the exception of one Lodge, I found the books and records well kept, and in the hands of very capable Secretarys. On my examination of the books and records of Meridian Lodge, No. 129, I found five still being carried as members who had automatically become suspended under section 232. This matter I am pleased to state has been brought into line with the constitution. In some of the Lodges I found the Historical Records rather badly neglected, and on looking back to the reports of my predecessors they also have stated the same condition. Needless to say promises were given to have the Historical Records attended to. The Degree work in some of the country Lodges perhaps shows a lack of snap and precision that is evident in the city Lodges, but the true spirit of Masonic Fellowship and Brotherhood is there in abundance and that is what counts. In the city Lodges many special nights are held and they do bring more brethren to the Lodge and create more enthusiasm afong the Lodge members. All Lodges distribute the Grand Lodge Bulletin, some Lodges supplying every member with a copy. Masonry in District No. 3 is in a very healthy condition, the total membership is 1,656, of which 1,148 are resident members. The total for the year ending December 31st, 1951 was 73. The total decrease was 45 of which 28 was through deaths. Financially all Lodges are in a healthy condition. Evergreen Lodge was instituted on September 17th, 1951, with 49 members. Temple

Lodge will be instituted in May, 1952, and another new Lodge is being formed in the Highlands district, and I expect will be instituted before my term of office expires. To have three new Lodges instituted in the district of a Deputy is quite an honor and I feel proud of the fact. On all my official visits I have given talks to the brethren in the Lodge. All my addresses have been on Masonry and what Masonry stands for, and I hope and trust that my Masonic talks to the brethren have done some good for Freemasonry in District No. 3. Due to the death of our beloved Royal Brother Most Worshipful His Majesty King George VI, all Lodges in District No. 3 held a Lodge of mourning in conformity to your wishes. I was able to attend four of these Lodges of mourning and assist in the services.

GENERAL

To the brethren who accompanied me on several of my official visits, I want to say "Thank You". Your support was deeply appreciated. To all the brethren in district No. 3 I extend my very sincere thanks for the honor you bestowed upon me in electing me as your District Deputy. I do hope that I have merited the confidence and esteem that you placed in me. To Right Wor. Bro. Fred Whitfield goes my very sincere thanks and appreciation for his services rendered as my Secretary. To my successor Wro. Bro. G. M. Maclean my greatest wish for you is that you will reap as much enjoyment and pleasure in the carrying out of your duties as I have done.

Most Wor Sir. it has been to me a double honor to have served you as a District Deputy, an honor in serving you as a very good friend, and the greater honor as serving you as the Grand Master.

Respectfully and Fraternally submitted.

JOHN SCOTT PARKER,
District Deputy Grand Master,
District No. 3.

MASONIC DISTRICT No. 4

To the M.W. The Grand Master of The
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.
Dear Sir and M.W. Brother:

As my term of office is drawing to a close, it is with pleasure that I submit my report for District No. 4.

The District meeting held at Red Deer was very well attended, 140 being present representing every Lodge in District No. 4. We were honored with the presence of several Grand Lodge officers, including M.W. Bro. Empey, M.W. Bro. G. Moore, R.W. Bro. W. H. Jackson and R.W. Bro. Howard, all of whom addressed the meeting on matters pertaining to Masonry.

The meeting was opened by the officers of Kenilworth Lodge, No. 29, and then followed the reception of the M.W. the Grand Master and Grand Lodge Officers. The District Secretary, R.W. Bro. Jackson read the minutes of the 1950 meeting which were adopted as read. At six p.m. the gathering enjoyed a banquet by the ladies of E.S. The customary toasts were proposed and responded to. The meeting moved a vote of thanks to the ladies.

The outstanding address of the evening session was giving by Bro. E. T. Wiggins, his subject being his attendance at the Grand Lodge of

England, assembled in London, and his visit to Malta.

R.W. Bro. Roy Anderson, P.D.D.G.M. gave a very good report on activities in the District during his term of office and was later presented with his P.D.D.G.M.'s regalia by R.W. Bro. Howard. W. Bro. Stirling was elected D.D.G.M. for the following term.

Lochearn Lodge very kindly invited the members of the various Lodges to hold the next District meeting at Rocky Mountain House. The invitation was accepted. We were then honored with an address by Grand Lodge Officers and the closing address was given by the M.W. the Grand Master.

VISITATIONS

Due to the very unsettled weather and somewhat late harvest, I was able to visit only three Lodges before the end of 1951. However, since that date I have visited every Lodge at least once, with two exceptions. The attendance was average as per register. In many cases I was welcomed by a large attendance, which I shall always appreciate. The Lodges with rather a small attendance I again visited and was very favorably impressed by the improvement in attendance and conduct of Lodge business.

Following the turn of the year I made an effort to visit the remaining Lodges. Owing to icy roads and bad weather, I reluctantly had to postpone some of my visits. I realize that this was not for the good of the Order but it was unavoidable. Regarding the Masonic work in District 4 as a whole I am convinced that Masonry is gaining ground, as evidenced by the large number of applications for initiation.

In the majority of the Lodges, the work is exemplified in a satisfactory manner. However, there are some Lodges that can improve their degree work with a little practice. May I suggest that it may well be in order to have a Degree team, also a few members to "pinch-hit" in case of absentecism. Degrees properly conferred impress a candidate greatly.

With the exception of one Lodge, finances are in very good condition and the Lodge in mind will eventually overcome their liabilities, incurred by the building of a new Lodge room.

Unfortunately, the Historical Register is not up to date in several Lodges. The books of all Lodges, the Minutes and Register are kept up to date. Well kept Lodge rooms are very noticeable.

In speaking to members in attendance when visiting a Lodge, I stressed the value of the regular attending members as compared with Lodge rooms, regalia and furnishings. The incentive to Officers to do their best when all chairs are occupied is accentuated. Arrears of dues are unwarranted at this time. Dues are payable in January of each year not in December as so many think. I point out that I do not approve of a Lodge opening later than the hour stated on the notice. I tried to point out the benefit we enjoy as Freemasons in this country, a freedom so many take for granted. Living in a competitive age, I tried to show how we are handicapped as compared with so many other organizations who use the press, radio and membership drives, to increase their membership as compared with our only advertising medium, namely, the way we live outside the Lodge. I stated that in my opinion, so many members feel a measure of satisfaction when thinking of Masonry as it is practised today,

but I feel it should be only a limited measure of satisfaction, lest we fail to see what more we should do, for there is always something for a Freemason to think of and do, even if only to "Live as you like to see other folk living:

Speak as you like to hear other folk speak
Smile as you like to see other folk smiling,
For in your own hands is the joy that you seek.

In conclusion, M.W. Sir, I wish to express my appreciation and thanks for the honor conferred upon me by you and the Brethren of District No. 4, also to our Grand Lodge Secretary and R. W. Bro. Jackson for his assistance on many occasions. Also to Bro. Wiggins for his splendid address given on several occasions and especially to the Brethren, not only from my Mother Lodge, but other Lodges, who accompanied me on my visits. For the welcome given me and the hospitality extended. To one and all, again thanks. To W. Bro. Stirling, my successor, may his year of office be as happy as mine has been.

Yours fraternally,
J. D. Thomas, D.D.G.M., District No. 4

MASONIC DISTRICT No. 5

To the M.W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.
Dear Sir and M.W. Brother:

It is with feelings of mingled regret, pride, humility, and pleasure that I beg to submit for your information and consideration my report on the condition of Masonry in the Fifth Masonic District for the year 1951-52.

Regret that my year as your representative is drawing to a close; pride that I have been thought worthy of the confidence of yourself and of the Brethren of this district; humility in that I feel that in many respects I have not been big enough for the work; and pleasure that in so many places and at so many times I have been made aware that the spirit of our Fraternity is flourishing in this District.

OFFICIAL VISITS

One official visit was made to each Lodge in the District on the following schedule:

Excelsior Lodge No. 80 — Strome, August 1st. A small, but enthusiastic Lodge with a comparatively small territory. Much credit is due to the Brethren of this Lodge for their high spirit under adverse circumstances. Books are efficiently kept, ritual work good. I found the Historical Record somewhat in arrears but was assured that it would be brought up to date. My reception from the brethren made me feel that they were genuinely glad to see me.

Efficiency Lodge No. 141 — Hughenden, August 6th. A most enjoyable and profitable evening among brethren who radiated friendship and welcome. The name of this Lodge is no misnomer: opening, business, degree work and closing left nothing to be desired. Books and records carefully kept. Busy, happy, friendly and efficient.

Morning Star Lodge No. 79 — Lougheed, August 16th. Was received with the warmth I had expected among a group of good craftsmen, most of whom I could call by their first names, and spent an enjoyable evening with this Lodge, found books and records in

excellent condition with the one exception of the Historical Record, which has been allowed to lapse since 1946. The officers were well skilled and enthusiastic. I also had the pleasure of visiting this Lodge informally at their regular communication in June.

Forestburg Lodge No. 128 — Forestburg, August 22nd. I was most heartly welcomed on the occasion of my official visit on the above date, and again when I visited informally at their regular communication in February. On this latter occasion a Lodge of mourning for our late beloved sovereign and brother, King George VI, was held, and later in the meeting the M.M. degree was conferred in a most capable and impressive manner. Again I found general books and reports in fine shape but that the Historical Record had been neglected. As I have been doing in all such cases, I again urged that this record be brought up to date, while older members, familiar with early conditions, are available for consultation.

Alliance Lodge No. 135 — Alliance, September 5th. A most pleasant evening among old friends. I had been privileged to be on the first slate of officers of this Lodge, when it was instituted, and had held membership for a number of years.

I found all records carefully kept and the officers well skilled. Was also happy to be able to attend, informally, the Installation Ceremony of this Lodge held at their regular communication in January.

Harmony Lodge No. 75 — Sedgewick, September 10th. Of all my official visits this was the one I made with the most diffidence, but the brethren made it easy for me, As secretary of this Lodge for many years and as the present incumbent of that oftice, may I report that the books are in fair shape and the Historical Record written up to January 1st, 1952. This Lodge has been meeting in temporary quarters for the last two years but hopes to move to a new Lodge room for the regular communication in May — June at latest.

Camrose Lodge No. 37 — Camrose, September 13th. My official visit to this, the strong Lodge numerically in the District, was made on the above date, and I was fortunate enought to be present again, informally, on October 25th, to witness the F.C. degree.

The work of all the officers was of a high character, records carefully and efficiently kept and the best of true fellowship was evident on every hand.

Provost Lodge No. 61 — Provost, September 19th. A most hearty and fraternal welcome awaits the visitors to this Lodge on the extreme east of our District, if I may judge by my reception. I found the officers proficient, records in good shape, a committee looking after completion of the Historical Record, and that an extensive program of Masonic Research and Education had been under way for some time.

Tuscan Lodge, No. 43, October 3rd. My reception by the brethren of this Lodge left nothing to be desired in warmth and sincerity.

Although candidates have been lacking for some time, interest is maintained and the spirit of the Lodge is high. Records are efficiently kept and a committee is working to bring the Historical Record up to date.

Comet Lodge, No. 50, Hardisty, October 11th. Besides my official visit on the above date, I attended their regular meeting in July when the officers conferred the M.M. Degree in a manner which must have been as impressive to the candidate as it was to those of us privileged to witness the work of master craftsmen. I found records carefully kept, again with the exception of the Historical Record.

Melrose Lodge, No. 62, Bawlf, October 18th. The only Lodge in the District which I was unable to visit before the District Meeting, but summer recess had made an appointment impossible. I was cordially received, found all records in fine condition. I was particularly impressed with the Historical Record, which, I was informed had been the especial care of one of the older brethren, W. Bro. Wetterburg, to whom this Lodge owes a real debt of gratitude.

DISTRICT MEETING

The Annual District Meeting for this District was held in Sedgewick, on Tuesday, October 16th, 1951. In spite of the unseasonable weather, and the fact that many roads in the District were practically impassable, one hundred and eleven Masons registered for the sessions, thirteen of whom were Past District Deputies of District No. 5.

To you, Most Wor. Sir, and to Most Wor. Bro. Moore, and to Rt. Wor. Bro. Jackson, I wish to express the heartfelt appreciation of the brethren of the District for your presence and assistance at that communication.

The afternoon session, held in the Anglican Hall, was well attended, with representatives from every Lodge in the District present. The open forum type of meeting discussed several points freely, questions were asked, and were answered capably and authoritatively by M.W. Bro. Moore and Rt. W. Bro. Jackson.

The evening session, held in the Community Hall, dealt with the general business of the Annual District Meeting: Rt.W. Bro. Elliott reported on the condition of Masonry in the District during his term of office, and the Masters of the constituent Lodges present reported for their Lodges. May I suggest at this point that, perhaps, more general reports from the various Lodges might be of more general interest to the District Meeting than statistical reports, which are difficult to absorb when given orally.

W. Bro. Holtsbaum, of Provost Lodge was elected as D.D.G.M. for the year 1952-53 subject to the approval of the Grand Master.

This session was high-lighted, Most Wor. Sir, by your address to the brethren, of which many have spoken to me since that time.

In conclusion, M.W. Sir, may I say that I believe Masonry to be a real live issue in the lives of the brthren of this District. May I

once again thank the brethren for the privilege they have afforded me. May I express my appreciation to the Brethren of Harmony Lodge for their effort in organizing the District Meeting and for the fact that groups of them accompanied me on every official visit. May I say an especial thank you to W. Bro. Leah for acting as my District Secretary. May I wish my successor, W. Bro. Holtsbaum, every good, and finally M.W. Sir, may I thank you most sincerely for approving my election and for the honor of serving as your deputy in this District.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

C. E. BLAKENEY, D.D.G.M.
5th Masonic District.

MASONIC DISTRICT No. 6

To the M.W. The Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M.W. Brother:

May I have the honor Most Wor. Sir to submit to you my report for the Masonic Year 1951 - 52, on the condition of Masonry in District No. 6.

The 33rd annual meeting was held in Claresholm on Thursday, November 15th, 1951, an informal get-to-gether was held in the Lodge rooms from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. for the purpose of meeting the Grand Lodge officials, a short discussion and question period followed, at 6:00 p.m. A banquet was held in the Recreation Hall catered by the Ladies of the Eastern Star, after a short toast list the Brethren returned to the Lodge rooms for the evening session.

Lodge was opened by the officers of Cairo Lodge, No. 32, with Wor. Bro. Fenton in the chair. I as your Deputy was received with the customary honors. I then had the privilege and the honor of receiving you M. Wor. Sir and with you our genial Grand Secretary M.W. Bro. Geo. Moore and other Grand Lodge officials.

The report of the R.W. Bro. Harold Gates, P.D.D.G.M. was given in a very creditable manner and was thoroughly enjoyed.

When the election of D.D.G.M. came up Wor. Bro. Stanley Dayley of Joppa Lodge, No. 40 was elected by acclamation for District No. 6 subject to the approval of the Grand Master, the invitation to hold our next district meeting in Granum was accepted.

At this time I would personally like to wish Wor. Bro. Daley every success.

The reports given by the Wor. Masters was quite indicative of the healthy position enjoyed by all the Lodges in District No. 6.

OFFICIAL VISITS

I had the privilege and pleasure of visiting all the Lodges in my district once officially and some of them three or four times unofficially.

My first visit was to Stavely Lodge No. 33 on March 4th. There was a very good attendance, the Wor. Master and his Officers certainly know their work. The Third Degree was conferred on two candidates at that meeting. The building is owned by the Lodge, which is quite active and has a bright future.

My second visit was to Joppa Lodge, No. 40 on the evening of March 13th. Officers alert, attendance fair, books well kept, own their own building and after making extensive repairs to this building they hope shortly to have quite a comfortable home. This Lodge is situated between Claresholm and Macleod and their prospect for new members is somewhat reduced.

On April 1st, I visited Corinthian No. 22, Okotoks. The 2nd Degree was very creditably conferred on two candidates, Officers very capable. Brethren own their building, all records are well kept under the guiding eye of a very efficient secretary. This Lodge's activity is quite high.

My next visit was to Nanton Lodge, No. 17, on April 10th. They had a very large attendance having what they call a special roll call night, whereby all resident members are supposed to be present and those away are requested to communicate with the Secretary. The Brethren own their own building which when finished will be quite comfortable. Books and records are well kept and Lodge should have a bright and active future.

Cairo No. 32 which is my Mother Lodge was my next visit on Tuesday, April 15th. The Second Degree was exemplified by the Officers in a very capable manner. They own their own building. We have quite a number of visitors from the Air Port on our Lodge nights. Books are well kept by a very efficient Secretary who is also a source of Masonic knowledge. Lodge activity is very high.

Cornerstone No. 19 was my last official visit. The Officers conferred two First Degrees in a very efficient manner. Lodge is very active, books are well kept. They rent their Lodge rooms and all officers are right up on their duties.

In summing up my report I must say that all Lodges in this district are in good condition financially. The working of the Lodge and Degree work efficiently done, and above all an excellent feeling of Masonic harmony prevailing.

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking all brethren who have helped me in any way during my period of office.

And finally I must say that I appreciate the honor of having served as your official representative as District Deputy for District No. 6 for the year 1951-52.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

G. L. Morrison, D.D.G.M., District No. 6

MASONIC DISTRICT No. 7

To the M.W. The Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M.W. Brother:

It is my honor and privilege to submit herewith for your consideration and approval my report on the condition of Freemasonry in District No. 7 for the year 1951-52.

I wish to express my keen appreciation to the brethren of the district for the honor they bestowed on me and my Lodge by electing me D.D.G.M. for the past year, and to acknowledge gratefully the fraternal and educational experience the office has offered. An especial thanks is due to all Worshipful Masters, Officers, and Members for the warm welcome accorded me on all my visits, whether or not official.

VISITATIONS

My official visits were as follows:

North Star Lodge, No. 4 on October 12 and December 27.

Doric Lodge, No. 31 on October 9.

Lethbridge Lodge, No. 39 on October 18 and December 27.

Chief Mountain Lodge, No. 58 on November 20 and January 15.

Diamond City Lodge, No. 65 on June 25 and February 7.

Charity Lodge, No. 67 on October 15 and December 27.

Century Lodge, No. 100 on June 19 and February 19.

Foremost Lodge, No. 103 on November 3.

York Lodge, No. 119 on October 2 and December 27.

Sharon Lodge, No. 157 on June 25 and January 23.

Lucerne Lodge, No. 159 on February 5.

Officially and unofficially, I have visited one Lodge ten times, one Lodge six times, four Lodges five times, one Lodge four times, one Lodge twice, and three Lodges once, and I hope to do considerably more visiting before my term expires.

In all Lodges on my official visits I have tried to do two things. First, I tried to bring about greater uniformity in the matter of initiation fees throughout the district. Some Lodges with low fees have instituted increases, so that now all Lodges are within the fifty

to seventy-five dollar range. Secondly, I have tried to create greater interest in Masonic education. Many of our Lodges are so busy with Degree work that the education phase has fallen into neglect, and herein lies a great deal of interest and meaning for our brethren, especially our younger members.

On all my official visits, I found love and harmony throughout the district. There was always a good complement of visitors at these meetings, and from one to eight P.D.D.G.M.'s. The books are well kept, except for the Historical Register, which is behind in three Lodges. This book is a valuable record for posterity and should be kept up to date. Finances are sound in all Lodges, and insurance is adequate in most instances. I was able to see Degree work in all Lodges except one on either official or unofficial visits, and am pleased to report that all ritual work was reasonably accurate and precise, and should give candidates throughout the district a proper feeling of the nobility, the high ideals, and the dignity of the order.

DISTRICT MEETING

The District Meeting was held in the Masonic Hall in the City of Lethbridge on November 7, 1951. Registration started at 4:30 p.m., and many brethren enjoyed the opportunity of meeting informally with the Most Worshipful Grand Master and several of his officers. At six o'clock a banquet was served to nearly one hundred guests at the Marquis Hotel.

Lodge was opened in the Masonic Hall at 7:30 by W.M. D. R. Birrell and Officers of Lethbridge Lodge, No. 39. After being received in due form introduced by R.W. Bro. Paul Jones, I had the pleasure and privilege of receiving you, Most Worshipful Sir, as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, with your accompanying Grand Lodge officers, including M.W. Bro. George Moore, M.W. Bro. Canon Middleton, R.W. Bro. H. Howard, R.W. Bro. Jackson, V.W. Bros. Nelson, Melling and Chisholm, and thirteen P.D.D.G.M.'s. It was R.W. Bro. Percy Cull's privilege to introduce you and your distinguished retinue.

Lodge was called up for a period of silence for our departed brethren. The business session resulted in the election of V.W. Bro. J. Melling of Diamond City Lodge, No. 65 as D.D.G.M. elect subject to your approval, and the selection of Lethbridge as the place for the next District Meeting. All Lodges but one were represented by their Worshipful Masters, who reported love and harmony throughout the district. After brief addresses by R.W. Bros. Howard and Jackson, an open forum under the guidance of our esteemed Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. George Moore, proved of great value to us all. We then listened with attention and profit to your address, Most Worshipful Sir. Lodge was closed in harmony by the officers of Lethbridge Lodge, No. 39, after which light refreshments were served by the four city Lodges.

GENERAL

My first official act as your representative was the investiture on June 19 at Century Lodge, No. 100 of V.W. Bro. F. F. Chisholm as a Grand Steward.

Then on June 25, I was privileged to act as Installing Master at Coalhurst for a joint installation of Diamond City Lodge, No. 65, Nobleford Lodge, No. 111, and Sharon Lodge, No. 157. Assisting officers included V.W. Bro. E. Fleetwood as Director of Ceremonies, R.W. Bros. A. M. Fisher, P. Jones, H. Fuller, H. Arthur, and J. Watson. Lodge was opened by Diamond City Lodge, No. 65 and closed by the new officers of Sharon Lodge, No. 157.

Another highlight of the year was the joint open forum meeting held in Coalhurst on November 22, when the above three Lodges met to discuss Masonic affairs with you, Most Worshipful Sir, and with M.W. Bro. George Moore and R.W. Bro. Jackson. This meeting was most interesting and instructive, and it is only to be regretted that the attendance was not larger.

The Festival of St. John the Evangelist was celebrated in Lethbridge on December 27 by a Joint Installation meeting of North Star Lodge, No. 4, Lethbridge Lodge, No. 39, Charity Lodge, No. 67 and York Lodge, No. 119. As Installing Master, I was assisted by V.W. Bro. E. Fleetwood as Director of Ceremonies, and by R.W. Bros. Paul Jones, A. M. Fisher and Robt. Douglas. Lodge was opened at 4:30 p.m. by Officers of North Star Lodge, No. 4, and W. Bros. Sheppard, Simpson, Owen and Llewellyn were duly installed in the Chair of King Solomon. Lodge was called to Refreshment at 5:30 to attend a banquet, with W. Bro. I. T. Hendry as Master of Ceremonies. Labor was resumed at eight o'clock and the investure of officers was completed, when Lodge was closed by the newly installed and invested officers of Lethbridge Lodge, No. 39.

Another large joint meeting of the above four Lodges was held on February 14 under direction of V.W. Bro. Stewart, when a most impressive Lodge of Mourning commemorated the passing of our late royal brother, King George VI.

On January 15 I again acted as Installing Master at Chief Mountain Lodge, No. 58, assisted by R.W. Bro. Paul Jones and William Betts and Past Masters of the Lodge.

Also in January I sanctioned the removal of the place of meeting of Sharon Lodge, No. 157 from a church basement to much more commodious and comfortable quarters in the B.P.O.E. Hall in Picture Butte.

In closing, may I again express appreciation to all the brethren who made such a pleasant year possible, with a special word of thanks to my genial friend and brother, W. Bro. Mark Grant, who acted as my District Secretary. It has been a genuine pleasure as well as a privilege to represent you, Most Worshipful Sir, in District No. 7. It is my sincere wish that the influence of Freemasonry be spread wide throughout the land, and direct us all to a higher and better plane of living.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

Gerald L. Berry, D.D.G.M. District No. 7, G.R.A.

MASONIC DISTRICT NO. 8

To the M.W. The Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M.W. Brother:

In making my report to you of District No. 8's activities for the past year, it should include mostly praise and thanks for the manner in which I was received by all the Lodges and members in my district. One is naturally ill at ease in making the first visits as District Deputy even though you know the members are as anxious to make a success of the evening as you are. The brethren are no doubt aware of one's short comings, but in no way do they make you conscious of them. My visits were all made prior to the District Meeting, leaving me plenty of time to plan further visits to each Lodge.

Spitzie Lodge, No. 6 was my first visit on October 2nd, this was a regular meeting at which business was very efficiently discussed and dispatched by the members. This is one of the stronger Lodges in the District, but have been unfortunate in the loss of several of the older members through death. The younger members though, have come forward to keep up the fine record Spitzie has established.

My next visit was to Summit Lodge, No. 30 on October 5th. There was a Second Degree put on that evening with P. M. S. Murdock in the East owing to the Master being ill that night. The work was put on in a most proficient manner, the business part of the meeting too, was handled with ease. This Lodge has a very friendly spirit among the members, and make a practice of good fellowship.

The third visit was to Sentinel, No. 26, on October 11th, when the brethren put on a Third Degree. It was one of my most enjoyable evenings. The manner in which the work was done never let one's interest flag. The brethren of this Lodge can well be proud of the way in which the Degree was given. M.W. Bro. Cruickshank and R.W. Bro. Fisher took particular care to see that I had a pleasant evening as did the Master and Brethren.

On October 15th, I visited Chinook Lodge, No. 47. It was a regular meeting night, the Senior Warden F. P. Webber taking over the Master's work in his absence. This Lodge is small, but I was pleased to find the interest the members have in its welfare. I am sure it will always be a credit to District No. 8.

The next visit was to my own Lodge, Alberta No. 3, on October 17th, when a Second Degree was put on by the Master and his Officers. The work was perfect in every respect, as well as the way in which the business was handled. Alberta No. 3 is still maintaining its high standard of Masonry.

My sixth and final official visit was to Rocky Mountain Lodge, No. 36, when an emergent meeting was held to put on the Second Degree. It seems that most of my visits were when Lodges were having this Degree. Rocky Mtn. Lodge has quite a few young

officers that I feel will carry on the fine example of Masonry that has been set for them. The work they are doing is in keeping with the past credit this Lodge has earned.

District No. 8 has had a very busy year, every Lodge has been doing Degree work and many have had to hold emergent meetings to complete the business on hand. The type of members that have been accepted into Masonry are sure to be a decided asset to the Order. I know they will be right to the front in carrying on our fine traditions.

The historical records of the different Lodges have been kept up to date, most of them realize how valuable records of their kind can be now, and in the future.

Among the oustanding events in my office, was Spitzie Lodge celebrating their 60th anniversary on September 26th. A banquet and entertaining evening was held to celebrate this occasion. Every Lodge in the District was represented, as well as several Grand Lodge Officers. Everyone took pleasure in extending congratulations for having attained this distinction, and in wishing them every success in the future.

Our District Meeting was arranged for November 8th, in Alberta No. 3 Lodge rooms. The agenda commenced with an informal meeting in the afternoon at which the officers and members of the various Lodges had an opportunity to become acquainted with the Grand Master and his Officers. A banquet was held at 6:30 p.m., the ladies of the O.E.S. catering. The attendance was very good, every seat being filled. Following the banquet, we repaired to the Lodge room for the district meeting, which commenced with a reception of the Grand Master and his accompanying Officers. The meeting got underway with the reading of previous minutes, correspondence and general business. V.W. Bro. S. G. Bannon gave a paper which was thoroughly enjoyed. The Grand Master presented R.W. Bro. Cooke with his regalia, following which the election of District Deputy took place for 1952-53. W. Bro. Walter Marcellus being elected with Pincher Creek being selected as the meeting place. Your address, Most W. Sir, was intended for the younger Masons among us, but the older members found much thought provoking material to contemplate on. Your talk to younger Masons completed the evening and I am sure every one felt that our district meeting has been a success.

A District Lodge of Mourning was held at Spitzie, No. 6, on February 13, in memory of our late King. The service was taken by different members of the district. The Memorial address given by M.W. Bro. S. G. Middleton. A copy of his address had been asked for by many of the Lodges, so it was indeed a pleasure to see it published in the Grand Lodge Bulletin. The members made an effort to attend the Lodge of Mourning, to show their respect and esteem for His Majesty, and also their sorrow at the loss of our King and fellow brother.

M.W. Sir, before closing this report, I would like to extend best wishes to the District Deputy elect, W. Bro. W. Marcellus. I am sure he will receive the same welcome and assistance from the members of the district as I had. To R.W. Bro. Patterson, and the brothers of District No. 8, who assisted me in every way, my sincere thanks. To yourself, M.W. Sir, and M.W. Bro. Moore, my kindest regards for the co-operation and advice you so willingly gave during my term of office. It was indeed a pleasure to act as your representative in this District.

Respectfully and fraternally yours,

Charles S. Reach, D.D.G.M., District No. 8

MASONIC DISTRICT No. 9

To the M.W. The Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir & M.W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit for your approval, my report as D.D.G.M. of District No. 9, covering the condition of Masonry in this District, during my term of office.

The Annual District Meeting was held in Ionic Lodge, No. 45, at Alix on October 4, 1951. Wor. Bro. W. T. Robinson of Ionic Lodge opened at 5:48 p.m.

We were favored by the presence of M.W. the Grand Master W. F. Empey, M.W. The Grand Secretary G. Moore, M.W. P.G.M. W. A. Henry, R.W. Bro. W. Jackson Grand Senior Warden, and many P.D.D.G.M.'s, as well as officers of surrounding and District Lodges.

The D.D.G.M. was introduced, given grand honors and assumed charge of the meeting.

At 6:15 p.m. labor was suspended for the period of 1½ hours, to enable those present to partake of a banquet being served in the Canadian Legion Hall by the ladies of Electa Chapter O.E.S. An excellent meal was provided and a hearty vote of thanks was proposed by R.W. D. Drinnan. This toast was very ably replied to by the Worthy Matron Mrs. L. Robinson.

Toasts to Grand Lodge and also to visiting brethren were proposed and responded to.

Labor was resumed at 7:45 p.m.

R.W. Bros. P. Lee & A. Scotland retired to introduce M.W. the Grand Master, W. F. Empey. This being done and Grand Honors having been given, the Grand Master was invited to the East and assumed the gavel. After making a few appropriate remarks, the gavel was returned with instructions to carry on.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and approved, reports from Masters of the following Lodges were given, Apollo, No. 27, Ionic No. 45, Beaver Lodge, Coronation and Big Valley (Monitor Lodge, Consort, was not represented.)

The report of R.W. K. Cameron, P.D.D.G.M. was given.

Nominations for the office of D.D.G.M. for the ensuing year were called, and as only that of Wor. Bro. S. Roy Hooper, was presented it was not necessary to hold an election. Wor. Bro. Hooper accepted the nomination and was declared elected by acclamation, subject to the approval of Grand Lodge.

Wor. Bro. Hooper invited the members to hold the next District Meeting at Big Valley Lodge, Rumsey, Alta. which was accepted with thanks.

The P.D.D.G.M.'s regalia was presented to R.W. Bro. K. Cameron, by M.W. the Grand Master F. Empey with appropriate remarks, which were suitably replied to by R.W. Bro. K. Cameron.

Wor. Bro. J. Clarke of Apollo, No. 27 was called on for an address, which he entitled "Vitalized and Individual Masonry". This address met the spontaneous applause of every one.

M.W. the Grand Secretary, G. Moore, was called on and stated that Grand Lodge Officers received a "Lift" out of District Meetings. He complimented W. Bro. J. Clarke on his fine address and the new slant on Masonry it had given. He stated that he surmized that less than 10% of the members had very little idea of Grand Lodge and the duties entailed therein. He concluded with some amusing incidents, relative to his duties.

A minute of silence was held in honor of two deceased P.G.M.'s, namely V. A. Bowes and J. A. Jackson.

M.W. The Grand Master, W. F. Empey gave a most interesting and instructive address which was well received by all.

A vote of thanks was proposed to G. L. Officers and also to Wor. Bro. Clarke for his address, by R.W. Bro. D. Drinnan.

Lodge closed in harmony at 10:14 p.m.

During the past year I have made official visits to the Lodges in this District and give below a brief report on each:--

Apollo Lodge, No. 27, Stettler, November 5, 1951. One official meeting, 2 unofficial. We also attended the Memorial Service to his late Majesty, King George VI. This Lodge is very active, is building a very strong Lodge. Some splendid candidates have been initiated during the year and will prove to be good material for the Lodge. The officers of Apollo are to be congratulated for their splendid work and for the assistance they give to other Lodges in this district. Masonry is in good hands at Apollo and Wor. Bro. H. Richardson is doing a splendid job as Secretary.

Ionic Lodge, No. 45, April 16, 1952. Official Visit, 13 present. The last official visit we made was to my home Lodge, very disappointed at the attendance, it being the smallest of all my official visits. Ionic Lodge is going through hard times at present, but prospects are

brighter and we are looking forward to an increase in membership in 1952. We have active and good officers who know their work and we hope to have lots of it this year.

Beaver Lodge, No. 54, Castor, Nov. 7, 1951. One official visit, 27 present, and one official meeting. It was a pleasure to visit this Lodge. The welcome we received made us feel proud of Masonry. As you feel that fraternal grip from the brethren, you cannot but realize that Masonry is in good hands in Beaver Lodge, a Lodge that is in good condition and a credit to the Community.

Coronation Lodge, No. 72, Nov. 8, 1951. One official visit, 35 present. A very active Lodge and one that is building up every meeting. We had the Master Mason's Examination on the night of our visit and the work was ably done. The officers are well up on their work.

Monitor Lodge, No. 120, Consort, Nov. 12, 1951. One official visit — 15 present.

This Lodge has a very scattered membership but those they have are very faithful and good fellowship is outstanding. We had three Initiations on this night and the work was put on very satisfactorily. We enjoyed our visit very much.

Big Valley Lodge, No. 140, Nov. 6, 1951. One official meeting, 22 members in attendance.

Some of the members of this Lodge have to travel 40-50 miles on none too good roads to attend. We saw the Fellowcraft Degree put on, the night of our visit and Officers did the work very satisfactorily and sincerely. This Lodge is building up. They gave us a very interesting meeting and we were splendidly received.

It has been a great honor to me, as D.D.G.M. of District No. 9 to have had the pleasure of working with you and other Grand Lodge Officers. I also wish to express my sincere gratitude to all brethren of District No. 9 for the honor and privilege of representing them as D.D.G.M. I may not have done all that I should have done during the year, but the bond of fellowship shown to me on my official visits has taught me that Masonry is something worth while and that District No. 9 will continue to go forward. I wish to thank Wor. Bro. C. Thorp, my Secretary, for his splendid support and help, also the other brethren who assisted me during the year. Wishing my successor Wor. Bro. S. Roy Hooper every success and assuring him that any assistance that I can give him during the coming year, will be a pleasure.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,
Robert Whitfield, D.D.G.M., District No. 9.

MASONIC DISTRICT No. 10

To the M.W. The Grand Master of The
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A. M.

Dear Sir and M.W. Brother:

It is an honor and a privilege to present my report on the conditions of Free Masonry in District No. 10.

This year has been one of much activity — all Lodges have

initiated a number of candidates and many are very much overworked. It was not uncommon to visit a Lodge where up to five candidates were being initiated, passed or raised. Many reasons may be given for this increase in membership. One of the main reasons in District No. 10 is the enormous development that is taking place in this part of the Province. This must be a great source of satisfaction to those pioneers who grudgingly held on to their Charters during adverse years and who left us with this challenge — "Today is that tomorrow of which yesterday we hoped so much. If tomorrow we would not be disappointed, then we must act today."

DISTRICT MEETING

The District No. 10 meeting was held in Acacia Masonic Temple, Edmonton South, Alberta on October 18th, 1951. All Lodges of this District were represented with the exception of Hope Lodge, No. 38. Registration took place at 2:00 p.m. The afternoon meeting consisted of an open forum which brought forth much useful and instructive discussions. We were fortunate indeed in having with us The Most Worshipful The Grand Master Waldo F. Empey; Most Wor. Bro. Moore, Grand Secretary and Most Wor. Bro. Martland, Custodian of the Work who were able to answer many pertinent questions with respect to Freemasonry in general. At 5:30 p.m. a banquet was held in Knox United Church which was enjoyed by all those present. The Toast to Grand Lodge was proposed by Bro. W. Hawrelak and was responded to by the Most Worshipful Grand Master.

OFFICIAL VISITS

I have officially visited each Lodge in the District at least once and made several unofficial visits.

Acacia Lodge, No. 11, Edmonton. I visited my own Lodge on January 10th, 1952, at our regular meeting. This was the first meeting after installation and the business of the evening was conducted in a creditable manner. It was my privilege on this occasion to present R.W. Bro. J. A. McCool with a life membership for his outstanding services to his Lodge. Also on this occasion Wor. Bro. Keith Stewart presented our retiring Secretary Very Wor. Bro. C. W. Lilley with the working tools of a good golfer for meritorious service to Acacia Lodge. After my remarks a very enjoyable social evening was held in the banquet room.

Victoria Lodge, No. 13, Fort Saskatchewan. My official visit was made to Victoria Lodge on November 13th, 1951. I previously visited this Lodge on their 50th Anniversary and was accompanied by The Most Wor. The Grand Master and a number of Grand Lodge officers. Rev. Bro. W. Bainbridge gave an outstanding and thought provoking address on the Church and Freemasonry. With the developments in this area, Victoria Lodge's prospects look bright for the future.

Vermilion Lodge No. 24, Vermilion. On November 6th, 1951 I paid my official visit to Vermilion Lodge. This was an outstanding occasion for all who were fortunate to be present. During the evening W. Bro. Brinacombe acting as Worshipful Master conferred the Third Degree

on his son; after which Wor. Bro. Heckbert presented Wor. Bro. Brinacombe, in a very impressive ceremony, with a 50 year Jewel and invited his newly raised son to pin the Jewel on his father. Many visitors were present and some had come a great distance to witness this unusual ceremony. After the Lodge was closed a very enjoyable refreshment period followed.

St. John's Lodge, No. 25, Vegreville. I made my official visit to St. John's Lodge on November 25th, 1951. It was my privilege to again visit this Lodge on March 3rd, 1952, and I received a very warm welcome on both occasions. The highlight of my official visit was the presentation by Wor. Bro. Hardin of one of the most outstanding historical Registers that has been my privilege to peruse; the original having being destroyed by fire. Wor. Bro. Hardin is D.D.G.M. elect for the year 1952 & 1953. I was also impressed by the large number of visiting brothers present at both meetings.

Hope Lodge, No. 25, Manville. I visited this Lodge on October 8th, 1951 and although threshing was in full swing we were pleasantly surprised by the goodly number in attendance. On this occasion I was introduced by an old friend of both myself and Wor. Bro. Langford, R.W. Bro. C. G. Torrance, who is Secretary of Hope Lodge and doing an excellent job. After World War I I resided for a few years in a district South of Manville and it was a pleasure to again renew old acquaintances.

Empire Lodge, No. 63, Edmonton. On the occasion of my official visit to Empire Lodge, a memorial service was conducted for our Brother, His Majesty, the late King George VI. The memorial address was given by Most Wor. Bro. Martland who eulogized his sterling qualities as a Mason, a husband, a Father and as Ruler of the British Commonwealth. There was no Degree work but the business meeting was conducted in the usual impressive manner.

Norwood Lodge, No. 90, Edmonton. On Tuesday, February 19th, 1952, I visited Norwood Lodge officially and it was gratifying to find the Lodge Room well filled with members and visitors. The Second Degree was exemplified by the Side Benchers who had been members for less than two years. Those taking part are to be congratulated on the impressive manner in which they carried out their duties. The Lodge is in good financial condition and all books and records are up to date.

Lamont Lodge, No. 94, Lamont. Accompanied by the Most Wor. the Grand Master and other Grand Lodge officers, past and present, also two carloads from Acacia Lodge, I officially visited Lamont Lodge on December 10th, 1951. It was very pleasant indeed to see so many members and visitors present considering the icy conditions of the roads. Work in the Third Degree was carried out in an exemplarly manner. A very pleasant hour was spent in the Lodge refreshment room before leaving for home.

Dominion Lodge, No. 117, Edmonton. I made my official visit to Dominion Lodge on Wednesday, March 12th, 1952. This Lodge is very active and enjoys a good regular attendance. It is sometimes referred to as the Edmonton City Police Force Lodge. Each year

it is the wonted custom to fill the chairs with officers of the City Police Force. Also on their meeting night nearest to July 1st, Wor. Bro. Foster exemplifies the art of satisfying the inner man with a Home on the Range Breakfast. This consists of Flapjacks with bacon and eggs, etc.

Kitscoty Lodge, No. 131, Kitscoty. My visit to Kitscoty Lodge was made on October 9th, 1951 and it was well attended considering the brthren have considerable distance to travel and it being the peak of the threshing season. The business was conducted in a very capable manner after which the Third Degree was conferred. I was introduced by R.W. Bro. Seward, one whose long years of experience has made him an invaluable asset to his Lodge. The Lodge is in good financial condition and the books are well kept. Hospitality, harmony and good fellowship prevails at the end of the road of District No. 10.

St. Alban's Lodge, No. 145, St. Paul, I was pleased to find on my official visit to St. Alban's Lodge the new interest that is very much in evidence. This Lodge has been laboring under difficulties for a number of years due principally to being located in a settlement consisting of various nationalities. Like other Lodges in the Northern part of the province they are benefiting by the increased development of our natural resources which is bringing in many good citizens who are members of the craft. In making a report on St. Alban's Lodge one must pay tribute to R.W. Bro. Dr. Miller for his untiring and unselfish efforts in the interests of his Lodge and Freemasonry in general.

Waskatenau Lodge, No. 154, Waskatenau. My first official visit was made to Waskatenau Lodge on October 13th, 1951. I was accompanied on this visit by eighteen members of Acacia Lodge which included a Degree team. The business meeting was conducted in a very creditable manner and at its conclusion the Worshipful Master invited Wor. Bro. Sinclair and his Degree team to exemplify the Fellowcraft Degree. This Lodge being the youngest of District No. 10, some concern was felt regarding the possibilities of its survival. However, I am happy to report that under the direction of Wor. Bro. McClung and his capable officers, Waskatenau Lodge is progressing favorably.

In conclusion I wish to add a word of praise to the Secretaries who are keeping their records in a splendid condition; also the Lodge Treasurers who are keeping a watchful eye on the finances, and to the Registrars who are taking a keen interest in recording the activities of their respective Lodges. I would also like to express my thanks to my brethren of Acacia Lodge who gave me such wonderful assistance and who accompanied me on my visits.

I must express my thanks to Wor. Bro. Louis Langford for his assistance to me as District Secretary. He has been a true and faithful friend and last but not least by any means, I would like to offer

my sincere appreciation of the kindness, hospitality and good fellowship that was extended to Wor. Bro. Langford and myself throughout District No. 10.

Fraternally submitted,
Murray Hamilton, D.D.G.M. District No. 10

MASONIC DISTRICT No. 11

To the M.W. The Grand Master of the

Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M.W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit herewith my report as D.D.G.M. of the Eleventh Masonic District for the year 1951 - 1952.

It has been a pleasure to visit all the Lodges of this District at least once, and some several times, during my year of office, and it is gratifying to report that all Lodges but one are active, and peace and harmony prevails.

In most instances the Books and Records are well and carefully kept, although in a number of cases the historical registers have been neglected. This year some of the Lodges have appointed a historian, and I have the promise these registers will be brought up to date.

My official visits were as follows:

Robert Burns Lodge, No. 49, Oct. 10, 1951 and Jan. 14, 1952.

Vulcan Lodge, No. 74, Dec. 28, 1951 and Jan. 15, 1952.

Champion Lodge, No. 84, Jan. 10, 1952 and Feb. 14, 1952.

Granite Lodge, No. 127, Feb. 6, 1952.

Cresset Lodge, No. 136, Jan. 21, 1952 and Feb. 18, 1952.

Nobleford Lodge, No. 111, Feb. 12, 1952.

Pyramid Lodge, No. 108, April 15, 1952.

I intend paying a second visit to Nobleford Lodge on May 13, 1952.

FINANCES

Total assets	$ 16,857.72
Total liabilities	1,061.00
Assets over liabilities	15,796.72

The insurance coverage on property and equipment is $13,300 which is inadequate, particularly in two cases, some Lodges have recently revised and increased their policies.

EDUCATION

The Grand Lodge Bulletin is received and distributed by the Lodges in the district to all members. It is appreciated for its

splendid and varied material, and is of particular value to our new members.

In their program of Masonic Education, I urged the Worshipful Masters to give the younger members one of the addresses of the Banff Conference papers, and have them read it in Lodge, and reminded them the excellent addresses and material contained in the Proceedings.

GENERAL

The condition of Masonry in the district is excellent, all Lodges but one are active, and good progress is made in all instances.

It is particularly gratifying to see so many young men joining the Craft, and taking part in our assemblies.

The officers of the Lodges are keen and on the whole the work commendable. During my visits I had the pleasure to witness several Degrees, and was very much impressed by the manner the candidates gave the examinations. I congratulated the coaches of these young brethren and urged them keep up the good work.

Some of the Lodges should spend more time preparing for the Degree work, this applies particularly to the Lodges with small membership. To candidates the effective presentation of the Degree is very important — first impressions are so lasting.

On June 25, 1951 assisted by R.W. Bro. F. J. Whitmarsh and V.W. Bro. Bert Nelson, I had the honor of officiating at a joint installation ceremony at Lomond, when the officers of Robert Burns Lodge, No. 49, Pyramid Lodge, No. 108, and Cresset Lodge, No. 136 were installed.

I received an invitation from Vulcan Lodge, No. 74 to act as Installing Officer on Dec. 28, 1951, and again an invitation from Champion Lodge, No. 84 to act in the same capacity on Jan. 10, 1952.

On these occasions we were mostly kindly received and complimented on the quality of the ceremony.

We received an invitation from Champion Lodge, No. 84 to hold on Feb. 14, 1952, a joint memorial service for our beloved Brother, the late King George VI, which was ably conducted by R.W. Bro. Rev. Peter Dawson, G.J.W.

Fifty-two brethren from various Lodges attended this ceremony.

It was my privilege and pleasure to attend the Annual District Meeting of District No. 6 held at Claresholm on Nov. 15, 1951.

On an invitation from V.W. Bro. Nick Christ, I had the pleasure of attending a joint memorial service, in District No. 7 held at Sharon Lodge No. 157, Picture Butte.

DISTRICT MEETING

The District Meeting of District No. 11 was held at Carmangay on the evening of Nov. 6, 1951. All Lodges with the exception of one was represented.

We were honored by the presence of Most Worshipful the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. George Moore, R.W. Bro. W. H. Jackson, G.S.W., R.W. Bro. Rev. Peter Dawson, G.J.W., V.W. Bro. Bert Nelson, and R.W. Bro. G. L. Morrison, D.D.G.M. of District No. 2.

The meeting was opened by the officers of Robert Burns Lodge, No. 49. The District Deputy Grand Master was received in due form, and assumed the gavel. After which the Grand Officers were received with Grand Honors by the brethren of the District.

Following the reading of the minutes of the last District Meeting, which were adopted, a general discussion on matters concerning the Lodge took place.

The reports of the various Lodges were given by the Worshipful Master. Pyramid Lodge, No. 108 was not represented due to the impassible condition of the roads. The reports show the Lodges are sound financially, with fair attendance.

R.W. Bro. P. J. Asplund then gave a report of his year of office, which was well received by the brethren.

One of the highlights of the evening was the address given by R.W. Bro. Rev. Peter Dawson on Masonic education, which was appreciated by all. M.W. Bro. George Moore then gave an excellent address on conducting the Lodge which was enlightening and interesting.

Another very interesting item was the exemplification of the examination of a visitor, by brethren of Granite Lodge, No. 127, and commented on by R.W. Bro. W. H. Jackson.

W. Bro. Charles Taylor of Champion Lodge, No. 84 was elected D.D.G.M., for 1952-1953. Champion was selected as the place of the next District Meeting.

R.W. Bro. Russell Robbie was then presented with the P.D.D.G.M. Regalia by M.W. Bro. Empey. In a few suitable and well chosen words R.W. Robbie tendered his thanks to the brethren of Masonic District No. 11.

The main event of the evening was the excellent address of the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. W. F. Empey, in which he expressed his satisfaction with interest being taken in Masonry throughout the district.

Following some discussion for the "good of the order" the District Meeting was closed, peace and harmony prevailing.

APPRECIATION

In closing this report I wish to express my appreciation and thankes to M.W. Bro. George Moore for his assistance and guidance throughout the year.

Too much tribute cannot be paid to R.W. Bro. F. J. Whitmarsh our District Secretary, for his untiring work throughout the years. He has been a pillar of strength to Robert Burns Lodge.

To the brethren who accompanied me on my trips, and in many ways helped to make my term of office a happy one, I extend my sincere thanks.

To all the brethren of District No. 11, I extend my heartfelt thanks for their kindness and the cordial welcome given me, and I bespeak for my successor W. Bro. Charles Taylor the same fine treatment.

To you, M.W. Sir, it has been an honor and a privilege that will long be remembered, to serve as your D.D.G.M. in District No. 11.

I can only hope that in some small way, my efforts may have accomplished something towards the progress of Masonry in this District.

Fraternally submitted,

J. W. Nielson, D.D.G.M., District No. 11.

MASONIC DISTRICT NO. 12

To the M.W. The Grand Master of The
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M.W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit herewith my report as D.D.G.M. of Masonic District No. 12 for the year 1951-52 for your approval.

DISTRICT MEETING

The Annual District Meeting was held in the Central Masonic Temple, Edmonton, on Tuesday, Oct. 30th, 1951.

The brethren met in the library in the afternoon at 3:15 p.m. where a discussion period was held and a series of questions were answered. I can assure you that this instructive and enlightening session was greatly enjoyed by the brethren.

After dinner the brethren met in the Lodge room where the Officers of Jasper Lodge, No. 14 took charge with W. Bro. S. Ellis as W. Master, the meeting being opened in the customary manner.

The Grand Master accompanied by the M.W. Bro. George Moore, Grand Secretary were received with Grand Honors.

The attendance was not as great as it should have been due to the fact that three Lodges were not represented, i.e. Pembina Lodge, No. 126, Onoway Lodge, No. 138 and Whitecourt Lodge, No. 153. However all other Lodges of the District were well represented.

Rt. Wor. Bro. W. J. McCullough, immediate P.D.D.G.M. gave a report on his years work expressing his thanks and appreciation for the truly Masonic spirit which had been extended to him in all his visits and commented upon the progress of Masonry throughout the District.

Rt. Wor. Bro. W. J. McCullough was then presented by the M.W. Grand Master Waldo Empey, with the Regalia of a P.D.D.G.M.

Election of D.D.G.M. The election of a D.D.G.M. for the coming year resulted in only one nomination being received, that of W. Bro. W. J. Tiplin, of Strathcona Lodge, No. 77.

Where upon Wor. Bro. Tiplin was declared elected at D.D.G.M. for District No. 12, for the coming year, subject to the approval of Grand Lodge.

After some discussion it was decided by resolution that the next meeting of District 12 be held in Edmonton at the same time of the year.

Rt. Wor. Bro. H. Taylor, P.D.D.G.M. for District No. 12, on behalf of Rt. Wor. Bro. John Henning, P.D.D.G.M. who resides in Vancouver, presented to the District, a set of D.D.G.M.'s Regalia.

This token of remembrance and good wishes for the District was greatly appreciated by the brethren and their thanks and appreciation forwarded to Rt. Wor. Bro. Henning in the customary manner.

The address given by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master was full of inspiration and was greatly enjoyed by the brethren whose thanks and appreciation were fully expressed at the conclusion.

The Custodian of the "Work", M.W. Bro. J. Martland being present, certain parts of the Ritual were discussed and demonstrated.

Numerous questions were answered by both the Grand Secretary and the Grand Custodian.

Altogether the criticism and wealth of information imparted by our Grand Master, Grand Secretary and Grand Custodian made this a real period of Masonic Education.

OFFICIAL VISITS

Jasper Lodge, No. 14. This is my own Lodge. I was accompanied on my official visit by R.W. Bros. H. Sandilands, H. B. Fowler and L. Stevens. introduced by W. Bro. J. Sandilands and royally received. The Lodge is in excellent condition and all books are in good order. Historical register up-to-date. The Lodge celebrated its Fiftieth Anniversary on Nov. 30, 1951, with the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. W.

Empey, Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. G. Moore, and a large number of Grand Lodge officers in attendance. M.W. Bro. F. P. Galbraith of Red Deer was guest speaker. The committee in charge is to be congratulated.

Tawatinaw Lodge, No. 71. Visited this enterprising and well-conducted Lodge on October 24, accompanied by R.W. Bros. F. R. Falconer and N. O. Jack. Appreciated being introduced by my good friend and brother, R.W. Bro. Norman Jack, and the hearty welcome extended by W. Bro. Hopps and members. All books and historical register up to the minute. Had a very interesting discussion on responsibility of sponsoring candidates.

Strathcona Lodge, No. 77. I visited this Lodge on September 14 in my official capacity, accompanied by R.W. Bro. J. Patterson, and was very cordially received. The Master Mason's Degree was conferred and most efficiently performed. The books are in excellent shape, including the historical register. This Lodge increased its subscription to the Bulletin.

Patricia No. 91. I was very cordially received on my official visit, being accompanied by R.W. Bro. E. Beckwith, R.W. Bro. D. Penman and R.W. H. Taylor. Condition of Lodge affairs good. Books and records up-to-date, and good interest maintained throughout.

Saskatchewan Lodge, No. 92. Official visit Feb. 14, 1952. This Lodge is in fine shape financially, and all books and records neatly and splendidly looked after. A good spirit of fellowship prevails, and all business and degrees conducted in a very efficient manner.

West Edmonton, No. 101. Made my official visit on Feb. 20, 1952 and was received very cordially indeed. Accompanied by a number of Grand Lodge officers. All the affairs of the Lodge are conducted in an excellent manner, and a very friendly and brotherly atmosphere exhibited throughout. Occasional short paper on some aspect of Freemasonry given during the year.

Westlock No. 114. There was a good turn-out of members on my official visit to this Lodge. We had a splendid meeting, and a very interesting and informative talk from V.W. Bro. Geo. MacLachlan on "Freemasonry Throughout the World." The books are well and neatly kept, and the Lodge in good financial shape. An energetic Educational Committee provides instructive entertainment during the year, assisted by other committees along various lines. A most enjoyable visit.

Pembina No. 126. Was accompanied by thirteen brethren from the city on this visit, along with that grand old Mason R.W. Bro. H. Sandilands, who has reached the ripe age of 84 years, 50 of which have been spent in the service of the Craft. Was very warmly received by the brethren, who exemplified the E.A. Degree in an excellent manner. Financial position sound and books in good order. A fine fraternal spirit prevails, which the visitors enjoyed to the full.

Onoway Lodge, No. 138. Oct. 3rd was the date of my official visit to Onoway, along with R.W. Bros. Wilby and H. Sandilands. The Lodge is now making good progress, and the Secretary, Bro. E. A. Dixon, is to be congratulated on the efficient manner in which the duties of his office are performed. They own their own hall, and have started a regular educational program. Prospects look good.

Ivanhoe Lodge, No. 141. I visited this Lodge on Thursday, Feb. 21, accompanied by R.W. Bro. Barnett and R.W. Bro. Rivers, and was very cordially received. The Lodge is in excellent condition, and gaining steadily in membership. All books and records are kept up-to-date, and the business of the Lodge is conducted very efficiently.

Mayerthorpe Lodge, No. 148. I was accompanied by R.W. Bro. H. Taylor and R.W. Bro. D. Penman and a goodly number of Edmonton members on my official visit to this Lodge, March 11. All records well kept, financial position good, and prospects bright. Was particularly pleased with the good fellowship and friendliness extended to the visitors by the members of this Lodge. The Welfare of the Craft in the Mayerthorpe district in good hands.

Whitecourt No. 153. Oct. 18 was the date of my official visit. There were some matters in this Lodge which needed particular attention, and which, I understand, are in process of being satisfactorily straightened out. The Lodge has a large non-resident membership, but the total arrearages are small. Books in fairly good shape, with the exception of the historical register. Best wishes for steady progress in the future, so that the fair name and fame of Freemasonry in the community may be upheld and enriched.

Gateway Lodge, No. 164. I paid my official visit to this Lodge on Sept. 11, accompanied by R.W. Bro. Murray Hamilton. The E.A. Degree was very well exemplified. Books in good order, and historical register up-to-date. Lodge making steady progress. I installed the officers for 1952, assisted by seven grand Lodge officers. This Lodge has a very good average attendance.

On Sunday, Oct. 14, a Church Parade was held under the auspices of District No. 12, in McDougall United Church, Edmonton, a goodly number of the brethren attending. Rev. Bro. Wesley Bainbridge was the officiating minister, and gave a very inspiring sermon, which was greatly appreciated by those present.

I would like to extend my grateful thanks to Bro. Reg. Parton for his invaluable work as District Secretary. He was a tower of strength.

To those brethren who supplied cars for my official visits outside the city, I am also deeply grateful.

To my successor, W. Bro. J. W. Tiplin, I extend my very best wishes for an enjoyable and successful year.

It has been a pleasure and a very great privilege to represent the Grand Lodge of Alberta as District Deputy Grand Master of District No. 12.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

J. G. Campbell, D.D.G.M., District No. 12.

MASONIC DISTRICT NO. 13

To the M.W. The Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M.W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit for your consideration my report as District Deputy Grand Master for Masonic District 13.

Our District Meeting was held at Spirit River on Thursday 26th of July, 1951, at which, Most Worshipful Sir, we were honored by your presence, accompanied by Rt. Wor. Bro. Jackson, G.S.W., M.W. Bro. Moore, Grand Secretary, and M.W. Bro. Harris, P.G.M.

There was a very good representation of all the Lodges in the District with a total of over 100 brethren present.

The Meeting was opened by Spirit River Lodge at 2:30 p.m. followed by the reception of the D.D.G.M. and the G.M. and suite.

The Minutes of the last District Meeting held at Grande Prairie having been read and adopted the various Lodges of the District reported on the condition of Masonry in their several districts.

Several very interesting addresses were given by yourself M.W. Sir, Rt. Wor. Bro. Jackson, M.W. Bro. Moore and M.W. Bro. Harris which were very much appreciated by the brethren and from the questions asked it was shown that the brethren were taking a very keen interest in the meeting.

After the banquet at 6 p.m. the meeting was resumed at 7:30 when nominations for D.D.G.M. for 1952 were read and after balloting Wor. Bro. A. H. Abbott of Hythe Lodge was declared elected and it was unanimously agreed that the place of the next District Meeting would be Hythe.

The Grand Master during his closing speech stressed the need of Lodges of being careful in their selection of members to the Craft and also emphasized the importance of choosing the Master and Wardens of a Lodge.

The day after the meeting I had the honor of accompanying you on your visit to Fort St. Johns where you were met by several of the brethren of Fort St. Johns Lodge and which trip I enjoyed very much.

During the year I visited officially the Lodges in the District as follows:—

Waphun Lodge, No. 88, 8th November, 1951.

Sexsmith Lodge, No. 160, 4th Dec., 1951.

Lake Saskatoon Lodge, No. 106, 6th December, 1951.

Grande Prairie Lodge, No. 105, 13th December, 1951.

Peace River Lodge, No. 89, 4th January, 1952.

Northland Lodge, No. 147, 8th January, 1952.

Hythe Lodge, No. 156, 31st January, 1952.

Spirit River Lodge, No. 116, 17th March, 1952.

On my visits to the different Lodges I was received most kindly and treated royally. For the most part the work of the Lodges is very good and the officers are taking a great interest in their work.

The interest of the brethren in all the Lodges is very keen and everything is carried out for the good of the Order.

I examined the books of each Lodge and found them all in excellent order. The Historical Register in each Lodge is being well written up. Altogether I find that Masonry in District 13 is in a flourishing condition.

I must take this opportunity, M.W. Sir, of thanking the brethren of Spirit River Lodge who accompanied me on my visits for the able help they gave me during my year of office.

In conclusion, M.W. Sir, I wish to express my appreciation of the honor of being your representative for the past year for this District.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

William Cassie, D.D.G.M., District No. 13.

MASONIC DISTRICT NO. 14

To the M.W. The Grand Master of The
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M.W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit herewith for your consideration, my report as District Grand Master of District No. 14 for the year 1951 and 1952.

Our District Meeting was called for August 16, 1951 and it was a great pleasure Most Worshipful Sir, to have you accompanied by Most Wor. Bro. George Moore and Rt. Wor. Bro. W. H. Jackson with us at the meeting. The afternoon session proved a very instructive one, many questions be asked by the brethren present and being capably answered by the Grand Secretary. I want to express my sincerest appreciation to you and M.W. Bro. Moore for your kind help during the meeting and other times throughout the year. Also to the Empress brethren who left nothing undone that would add to your pleasure or any of the visitors present which meant so much towards making the meeting a success.

A banquet was enjoyed at 6 o'clock for which we are indebted to the Order of the Eastern Star.

The Lodge was opened at 7:30 by Wor. Bro. Bendall. The D.D.G.M. was received in form. The D.D.G.M. then opened the meeting and the Grand Master and his party were received with Grand Honors and invited to the East.

Reports were heard from Masters of the different Lodges of District 14 which showed Masonry in a healthy condition in this District. Nominations for the office of District Grand Master for 1952 and 1953 were called for and Worshipful Bro. William Cunningham was declared elected. Oyen Lodge, No. 104 the home of the D.D.G.M. elect was selected as the place for the next District Meeting.

Splendid addresses on Masonry by M.W. Bro. George Moore and Rt. Wor. Bro. W. H. Jackson followed by the address of The Most Worshipful The Grand Master, made a grand ending for a District Meeting.

On August 7th, I visited Oyen Lodge, No. 104. This Lodge is of the York Rite and is noted for its high standard of work. I was accompanied by a large number of Empress brethren which I appreciated very much, as this was where I made my first visit.

Aug. 14 I made my official visit to Acadia Lodge, No. 82, at Youngstown. This is one of the older Lodges in the district and is doing well. Its only draw back is it covers such a large district. My next visit was to Handhills Lodge, No. 98, at Delia. Here I found the spirit of Masonry excellent. The Lodge raised over $300.00 at the meeting to finish their new Lodge room which will certainly be a credit as well as an asset to Grand Lodge. I regret that on account of rain that the members of this Lodge were unable to attend the District Meeting.

My next visit was to Craigmyle Lodge, No. 132, Craigmyle. This visit impressed me a great deal. I found everything in top shape and their beautiful little Temple splendidly furnished and their fine dining room in the basement so well kept is an example of Masonry at its best. This was the only visit I made without some of the Empress brethren accompanying me, so I really did appreciate the support of visiting brethren from Hanna, and Delia.

My next visit was Crocus Lodge, No. 115, Chinook. I was a little doubtful as to their welfare before I arrived but after spending the evening in an over crowded Lodge room and witnessing a beautiful Second Degree by Right Worshipful Bro. Wilson and his officers I found my doubts were uncalled for, and we all enjoyed a good evening.

The following night we went to Berry Creek Lodge, No. 158, Pollockville. By this time I had built up a great respect for the Lodges operating under more adverse conditions and I was greatly impressed with their Degree work, the good attendance, and the fine welcome extended to all visitors. The members of Berry

Creek are enjoying Masonry and are doing good work and I am sure R.W. Bro. Hugh Forrester and his associates will keep it that way.

The next night I paid my official visit to my home Lodge, Empress, No. 161, which, since you visited here August 16 has been splendidly finished inside by volunteer labor and money subscribed.

On the first Monday of June I will visit Hanna Lodge, No. 78. And my many thanks to the Hanna brethren for their loyal support. On all my visits I endeavored to point out the necessity of loyalty towards our fellow man and Masonry as a light house to mankind.

I am happy to report that Masonry in District No. 14 is very good in work, financially and fraternally.

In conclusion, Most Worshipful Sir, it has been a great pleasure to serve you in my humble way, an honor I will cherish for many a day.

I want to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to my district Secretary, Bro. Dave Lush, whose experience was of great assistance to me.

To R.W. Bro. Woods of Hanna my kindest regards for his great interest in my endeavors.

And to my successor, W. Bro. William Cunningham, I wish him every success and hope he will enjoy the association of the brethren of District 14 as I have the past year.

Fraternally submitted,

Glen Russell, D.D.G.M., District No. 14.

MASONIC DISTRICT No. 15

To the M.W. The Grand Master of The
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M.W. Brother:

I have the honor and pleasure to submit my report as your District Deputy for District No. 15 for the year 1951-52.

District No. 15 comprises:

Acme Lodge, No. 60, Acme; St. Andrews Lodge, No. 66, Trochu; Fidelity Lodge, No. 70, Bashaw; Cyprus Lodge, No. 113, Three Hills; Cavell Lodge, No. 125, Delburne; Irricana Lodge, No. 137, Irricana; Ancient Landmark, No. 163, Mirror.

The year's activities commenced with the Annual District Meeting at Trochu on the 5th October, 1951, with an attendance of 85 members well representative of all Lodges in the district.

At the meeting the Grand Master was accompanied by M.W. The Grand Secretary, by R.W. Bro. W. H. Jackson, Senior Grand Warden, and other distinguished brethren. The meeting assembled at 3:30 p.m. The afternoon session was spent in informal discussion of problems affecting the Lodges, mostly of a practical nature touching the conduct of meetings, Grand Lodge administration, Secretary's honoria, and the like. The M.W. The Grand Master and the M.W. The Grand Secretary gave some very helpful suggestions.

An enjoyable supper followed, served by the Women's Association of St. Paul's Church, at which Bro. R. M. Ward of Acme Lodge presided as toastmaster. Toasts proposed by W. Bro. George McKay, Cavell, and W. Bro. C. O. Anderson, Irricana, were felicitously responded to by the M.W. The Grand Master, and R.W. Bro. W. H. Jackson.

At the evening session commencing at 8:00 p.m., the Grand Lodge officers introduced by R.W. Bro. B. F. Mathers, Cyprus, were received with due honors. The brethren enjoyed a stimulating address by the Grand Master, Followed by a discussion led by R.W. Bro. Hume, Fidelity, W. Bro. F. A. Morrell, Cyprus, gave a much praised address on "Youth and Freemasonry", advocating a most active interest in juveniles on the part of Freemasons.

Reports were given by officers of each Lodge in the District and by the retiring District Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Bro. A. W. Warren. M.W. Bro. Leroy Bond presented Bro. Warren with the regalia of a Past District Deputy, and spoke of his pleasant association for many years with R.W. Bro. Warren.

W. Bro. Howard Conway, Ancient Landmark, was the excellent choice for District Deputy for next year.

Following your instructions, I made it a practise on my official visits to avoid "big nights", and thus found myself in the atmosphere of the regular Lodge meetings. This had the advantage of less formality and a closer association with the brethren in the ordinary work of the Lodge. I made an "official visit" to each Lodge and at least one more visit to most of them.

I don't think I can profitably give a detailed report on each Lodge. I found the Masonic spirit high in all Lodges. The brethren are most attentive in their work and to the interests of their Lodges and take a keen interest in Masonry generally. Books and records are generally well kept; the business part of the meetings well conducted; and the ritual work of a definite high order. I did find that the historical register was, in some cases, rather neglected, and took advantage of my visit to recommend more attention to it. Also there were instances of under-insurance of the Lodge property.

All the Lodges are in a sound financial condition, and it is evident that close attention is paid to the financial side of their activities.

All the Lodges own their halls, except Ancient Landmark and Cavell, and these two have adequate and satisfactory quarters on

very economical terms. I trust the other Lodges will not object to my mentioning especially the excellent buildings of Fidelity, Acme and Irricana Lodges.

A pleasant feature of the District activities was the communication of Cyprus Lodge on August 23rd last for the purpose of celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of the Masonic career of R.W. Bro. J. E. McFee. R.W. Bro. McFee has had a distinguished and valued association with Masonry, and during all his fifty years of membership has maintained unabated an active and beneficial interest in the Order. He is a Mason whom District 15 delights to honor. The occasion was graced by the presence of M.W. Bro. H. B. Macdonald, M.W. Bro. Geo. Moore and many brethren from Lodges both within and without District 15. R.W. Bro. Wm. Harte, a charter member of Cyprus presented Bro. McFee with a fifty-year jewel.

I appointed Bro. A. C. Kirkeberg of St. Andrews Lodge to be District Secretary, and wish to express to him my thanks for his valued assistance. I am also indebted to W. Bro. W. T. Paterson, Secretary of the St. Andrews, for his helpful courtesy, and to R.W. Bro. B. F. Mathers of Cyprus Lodge, for assistance in my duties as District Deputy. And I must ezpress my deep thanks and appreciation for the unfailing courtesy I received from the members of all the Lodges.

A feature of the District's activities is the annual bonspiel, this year held at Mirror, which affords opportunity for social intercourse among the fraternity. The bonspiel for next year will be again conducted by a District Committee under the Chairmanship of R. W. Bro. Mathers.

The Lodge reports for 1951 do not indicate much change in membership, but I note a sharp upsurge in 1952 of application for membership by applicants of a high order. The outlook for Masonry in District 15 is most encouraging.

I would like to emphasize the advantage of inter-Lodge visits, and would urge the members, more especially the officers, and most especially the junior officers to do more visiting, as an important part of their Masonic education.

Sincerely and fraternally,

J. P. Ferguson, D.D.G.M., District No. 15.

MASONIC DISTRICT No. 16

To the M.W. The Grand Master of The
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M.W. Brother:

I beg to submit my report as District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 16 covering the year 1951 - 1952.

It has been an honour and privilege to serve as your representative in this District and the visits to the various Lodges have been

most pleasant and interesting. During my term of office I have visited each Lodge in the District and have made several fraternal visits in addition. It has been an unique experience to meet the brethren in their own Lodges, to meet old friends, and to have the opportunity of making new friends, an opportunity which might never have occurred otherwise. The year has slipped away very quickly and it is with regret that I relinquish my duties, but I shall always look back upon this year with genuine pleasure and gratification.

Masonry in District No. 16 is, I believe, in a most flourishing condition. All the Lodges are active and new members accepted are of a very high calibre. All the Lodges own their own buildings except one, and this Lodge occupies a very pleasant and suitable rented hall. Several of the Lodges have made improvements to their buildings during the year, of which I might particularly mention the Temple at Drumheller, the interior of which has been entirely renovated at a minimum of expense, most of the work having been done on holidays and evenings by volunteer labor from members of Drumheller Lodge, No. 146 and Symbol Lodge, No. 93. Carbon Lodge, No. 107 has improved its building by the addition of a basement and a central heating plant, most of the work donated. Other Lodges have repaired and decorated their halls.

A real Masonic spirit continues to prevail in our District.

DISTRICT MEETING

The District Meeting was held in the Masonic Temple, Drumheller, on Wednesday, October 24th, 1951, and was one of the largest gatherings at a District Meeting for some years. It is interesting to note that the first District Meeting of No. 16 was held at the same place, on the same day 22 years ago, and opened at almost the same hour on October 29th, 1929. Only a very few were present at both meetings. Our meeting was honored by the presence of yourself, Most Worshipful Sir, and the Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. George Moore. The afternoon meeting was informal and was in the nature of a round-table conference on Masonic matters. It was pleasing to see how some of the younger brethren, who ordinarily are inclined to be reticent about expressing their views, entered fully into the spirit of the occasion. The information that we received from you, Most Worshipful Sir, and from M.W. Bro. Moore on the various subjects discussed was most informative and educational. Many who were present have since assured me that this part of our meeting was most enjoyable and well worthwhile.

At 6 o'clock a fine banquet was served in Knox Church Hall by the ladies of Ruth Chapter, No. 55 O.E.S. and we were favored with an outstanding address by Rev. Bro. A. G. S. Edworthy "Mopping Up The Atlantic".

The District Meeting proper was called to order at 8 p.m. by Wor. Bro. J. H. Ickringill and Officers of Drumheller Lodge, No. 146. The D.D.G.M. was officially received and he opened the meeting in prescribed form. The Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Waldo Empey, and the Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. George Moore, and other Grand Lodge

Officers were received with Grand Honors. The Grand Master briefly expressed his satisfaction with the Lodges of District No. 16 and his pleasure at the excellent attendance at the meeting.

The Masters of all the Lodges in the District were present and gave their reports, revealing a very healthy condition. Then followed the report of I.P.D.D.G.M., R.W. Bro. F. D. Knowlton, who pointed out that Masonry was occupying a very definite place in the minds and hearts of the members throughout District No. 16. He particularly mentioned the faithful work being done by the various Lodges Secretaries.

W. Bro. Willard J. Treacy, Hussar Lodge, No. 130, was elected D.D.G.M. for 1952-53 and Hussar was selected for the next District Meeting place.

M.W. Bro. George Moore favored the gathering with a short address stressing the need for leadership in the world today and pointed out how this challenge could be met by Masons in every section of the community.

The Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Waldo F. Empey, then delivered a very able address, touching on many features of Masonry, including among others the Masonic education of new members. He also mentioned the proverty which is rife in some sections of the world today, how Communism is taking advantage of this condition to spread discontent, and how Masons can combat this evil by lending a helping hand to all organizations, including the Church, in their efforts towards achieving Peace and Good-will throughout the world. His remarks were an inspiration to all and made a fitting conclusion to a District Meeting which will not soon be forgotten by those of the brethren who were fortunate enough to have attended.

OFFICIAL VISITS

Carbon Lodge, No. 107. My first official visit was to Carbon Lodge, No. 107 on August 14th, 1951. This Lodge sets a very high standard in our District and has a reputation for proficiency in their work second to none. R.W. Bro. W. Braisher being Secretary and the guiding hand for many years has had much to do with this Lodge's success in the foregoing regard. There were 21 members and 37 visitors present (24 of the brethren accompanying me from Drumheller) and visitors from Rockyford and Acme. The Fellowcraft Degree was conferred on two candidates by Wor. Bro. L. A. Coates and his officers in an exemplary manner.

Standard Lodge, No. 152. I made my official visit to Standard Lodge, No. 152 on August 20th, 1951, with 16 members present and 21 visitors (mostly from Drumheller). There was no Degree work, but it was quite apparent from the way the officers conducted the meeting that they were able and proficient. The Lodge is in a prosperous condition and great care is taken in applications for membership. The books and records are in excellent condition under the able care of Secretary R.W. Bro. F. D. Knowlton. I had the privilege of presenting R.W. Bro. F. D. Knowlton with his P.D.D.G.M. regalia

as a well deserved token of appreciation from his Lodge. Among others who accompanied me on this visit was an old friend, M.W. Bro. George Malcolm from Walla Walla, Washington, Past Grand Master of the State of Washington, U.S.A., who gave an interesting and informative address on his early Masonic experiences when he travelled north to Alaska to constitute Lodges in that territory.

Rockyford Lodge, No. 123. I visited Rockyford Lodge, No. 123 on September 6th, 1951 and every installed officer was present and in his station. There were 27 members (77% of their resident members) present and 24 visitors, a good delegation accompanying me from Drumheller. The Worshipful Master, W. Bro. C. R. Bragg and his officers conferred the Second Degree with two candidates in a very proficient and commendable manner. The Lodge owns a very nice hall and this has recently been decorated. The books and records were found to be in excellent condition.

Drumheller Lodge, No. 146. This is my own Lodge and I visited it officially on December 18th, 1951. As I attended all meetings, my visit was a mere formality. I was received with Grand Honors by a good turnout of members together with a few visitors from Symbol Lodge, No. 93. The annual election of officers took place and there was no degree work. The Lodge is active and has a fine slate of young officers who are enthusiastic and know their work. The Lodge is in an excellent position financially with a surplus of $4,000.00 invested in bonds and also owning a half interest in the Masonic Temple with Symbol Lodge, No. 93. Our books and records are kept in good condition.

Symbol Lodge, No. 93. I visited Symbol Lodge, No. 93 in my official capacity on February 28th, 1952. As this Lodge is also located in Drumheller, I have been a constant visitor throughout the year. On this occasion as on all others I was received most cordially, being introduced formally by P.D.D.G.M. R. Wor. Bro. James Farmer and receiving the honors due my rank. Symbol Lodge works in the York Rite and the Fellowcraft Degree was conferred on a candidate in a most able manner by Wor. Bro. Bruce Vickers and his officers, all of whom except one were present. This Lodge is the oldest and largest of any in our District, and the Officers are young and enthusiastic and the Lodge is in a fine healthy condition. A real friendly Masonic spirit prevails in this Lodge and the officers are to be commended for their interest and efficiency. Their financial position is sound and the books and records well kept. At the refreshment period I delivered an address on the "History of the York and Canadian Rites" which was well received and appeared to be enjoyed by the brethren present.

Hussar Lodge, No. 130. My official visit to Hussar Lodge, No. 130 was made on April 14th, 1952, a previous visit planned last November having to be cancelled on account of bad roads. I was accompanied by 24 brethren from Symbol Lodge, No. 93 and Drumheller Lodge, No. 146 and their were 23 members of Hussar present. This Lodge has quite a reputation for hospitality and we were not disappointed in our welcome from Wor. Bro. James Treacy and his officers and members. Hussar Lodge also has the York work and a

Degree team headed by Wor. Bro. Archie Burrell from Symbol Lodge, No. 93 put on the First Degree, initiating three candidates in a most impressive ceremony. This Lodge is to be commended on the very generous and able way they received and entertained the Brethren of District No. 16 at our Second Annual Curling Day in February last. This one day curling event was started a year ago and much good fellowship and friendly competition is evolving from this. The books and records are kept well and efficiently. Hussar has a well set up Lodge building and they have the basement fitted for banquet room and for the use of the local Cub and Scout organization.

In conclusion I wish to extend to all the Masters, Officers and Members of the Lodges in District No. 16 my sincere thanks and appreciation for the kindness, good fellowship, and cordial hospitality extended to me and those brethren who accompanied me on my visits. I also wish to thank the brethren of Drumheller Lodge, No. 146 and Symbol Lodge, No. 93 for accompanying me and especially those who assisted in organizing the visits, providing cars, and passing the word along to their friends.

I am particularly grateful to Wor. Bro. James Walls of Symbol Lodge, No. 93 who so ably filled the post of District Secretary, and who was always on hand despite the fact that he resides at East Coulee, 15 miles from Drumheller.

I have been in Masonry for 44 years and am indeed grateful to the brethren who have honored me by electing me District Deputy Grand Master. I have enjoyed my year's work and sincerely trust that I have been of service to you, Most Worshipful Sir, and to our beloved institution.

Finally, may I extend to my successor, Wor. Bro. Willard Treacy, my very best wishes for a successful year.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

W. H. D. Anderson, D.D.G.M., District No. 16.

MASONIC DISTRICT NO. 17

To the M. W. Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A. M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honor and pleasure to submit for your consideration and approval, my report on the condition of Freemasonry in the Seventheenth Masonic District for the year 1951-52.

The 24th, annual District Meeting was held in the Memorial Hall Tofield, Alta. on Wednesday, October 17th, 1951.

An enjoyable banquet was tastefully served by the Ladies of the Eastern Star at 6:00 p.m. The blessing was given by Rt. W. Bro. D. K. Allan. The toast to the Grand Lodge and its Officers was proposed byRt.W.Bro.Don, Allan and was replied to by Rt. W. Bro. W. H. Jackson D.G.M.

The Lodge was opened by W. Bro. N. Phillips of Palestine Lodge No. 46. The D.D.G.M. was then officially received and opened the District Meeting in the prescribed form. The M.W. the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. W. F. Empey, together with the Grand Secretary M.W. Bro. Geo. Moore, the Deputy Grand Master, Rt. W. Bro. W. H. Jackson, and other Grand Lodge Officers were then received in proper form.

The Minutes of the previous District Meeting were read and confirmed. All Lodges in the District being represented, each gave a report on the activities during the year. These all showed a growing interest in Masonry. During the question period, several questions were introduced and were answered by the Grand Secretary in a very interesting manner.

W. Bro. F. Snyder of Edgerton Lodge No. 102 was declared elected as D.D.G.M. for District No. 17 for the ensuing year, subject to the approval of the Grand Master. The next District Meeting will be held at Edgerton, Alta.

The M.W. the Grand Master then addressed the meeting. He stated that a more general knowledge of Grand Lodge and its workings and responsibilities, especially as to the Grand Secretary, were necessary and important. He stressed that Masonry in not a religion, but an aid thereto Masonry needs the Church and the Church needs Masonry. We should take an active interest in all local welfare objects and beneficent activities. His talk was greatly appreciated by all the Brethren.

The program being completed, the Grand Lodge Officers retired and a most successful District Meeting was duly closed in form at 10:00 p.m. Harmony prevailing.

OFFICIAL VISITS

My official visit to Buffalo Park Lodge No. 44 was made on October 11th, 1951. The welcome extended to me was wholehearted

and sincere. The business of the Lodge was conducted in a very good manner. A third degree was conferred at this meeting in true Masonic Spirit. All work, charges and lectures were well given. Books, records and insurance in order. A wonderful spirit of good will exists amongst the Brethren and the Lodge is very active. A large number of visitors from Chauvin and Sedgewick and also from the Armed Forces stationed at Wainwright were present.

Accompanied by a number of Brethren from my own Lodge, Dynamic Lodge No. 96 was officially visited on February 6th, 1952. There was a large attendance at this meeting, and being a frequent visitor to Dynamic, I felt quite at home and enjoyed seeing the first degree conferred in a very impressive manner. The officers are capable and do their work well. The lodge is active and in good financial condition. They own their hall which is very beautifully decorated and furnished.

Connaught Lodge No. 69 was visited on February 12th, 1952. At this meeting a class of three candidates received the third degree. The officers are proficient in their work and I was much impressed by the sincere manner in which the degree was conducted. They meet in a fine hall which is well furnished. The books and records are in good shape, with a very interesting historical register kept up to date.

My visit to Gratton Lodge No. 144 was made on February 21st, 1952. This Lodge is very active and a fine class of candidates were received. The spirit of Masonry is strong and the officers are doing good work. There was no degree work at this meeting but a very interesting hour was spent discussing various phases of the work. The books are well kept and finances strong.

A Lodge of Mourning was held at this meeting. The Address was given by Rev. Bro. V. E. Cole who spoke fittingly on the life of our late M.W. Bro. King George VI. The ceremony of lowering and raising the Flag was carried out by W. Bro. Chas Wilbraham in a very dignified manner.

My official visit to Edgerton Lodge No. 102 was on March 4th, 1952. I was welcomed by a large attendance of members and a number of visitors from Chauvin and Wainwright. A splendid fraternal spirit prevails and the lodge is very active. The officers do their work well and much interest is taken in the welfare of the Craft. They own their buliding and are sound financially. Books and records well kept and up to date.

Albion Lodge No. 97 was visited on March 6th, 1952. I was very kindly received and welcomed by a good attendance of members and visitors. The lodge is very active and the officers perform their duties with courtesy and dignity. They own their hall which is very comfortable and well furnished. Books and records in good shape. A very keen interest in Masonry exists in this lodge.

I paid my official visit to Palestine Lodge No. 46, (my own lodge) on March 18th, 1952. The officers are capable and are doing

good work. Books are up to date and finances sound. A very profitable time was spent exemplifying parts of the work. Palestine Lodge is active and it is encouraging to have young members take their place in the chairs of the lodge.

I also attended a joint Lodge of Mourning held by Dynamic and Palestine Lodges at Dynamic Lodge, Holden, Alta. Rev. Bro. V. E. Cole gave the address and the service was very impressive. Fifty Brethren gathered to pay their respect to our late M.W. Bro. King George VI.

In conclusion, I wish to express my sincere gratitude to the Brethren of District No. 17 for the honor of being elected D.D.G.M. and for the hospitality and many kindnesses shown me during my year of office. My personal thanks to Bro. Reg. Collard, my District Secretary, for his valued assistance, and also to those Brethren of Palestine Lodge who accompanied me on most of my journeys throughout the District.

To my successor, W. Bro. F. Snyder, my best wishes for a happy and successful year and I know the same kindly support will be given to him, as I have so gratefully enjoyed from the Brethren of District 17.

To M.W. Bro. Geo. Moore, Grand Secretary, my sincere thanks for his thoughtfulness and assistance during the year.

Most Worshipful Sir, I greatly appreciate the honor and previlege of serving you as D.D. of District No. 17 for the year 1951-52.

Respectfully and Fraternally submitted.

W. A. WATT,
D.D.G.M. District No. 17.

MASONIC DISTRICT NO. 18

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M.W. Brother:

It is my privilege to submit for your consideration and approval my report on the condition of Freemasonry in the 18th Masonic District for the year 1951-52.

The annual District Meeting was held in the Masonic Temple, Strathmore on Tuesday, November 13, 1951, starting with an informal gathering and registration at three p.m. A dinner was served in the Memorial Hall at six p.m. by the brethren of Strathmore Lodge. R.W. Bro. H. Mallery acting as toastmaster. A toast was proposed to the M.W. Bro. W. Empey and his Grand Lodge Officers and was responded to by M.W. Bro. W. Empey.

The district meeting was opened at 7:30 p.m. by the officers of Strathmore Lodge, with 162 brethren registered.

The D.D.G.M. was received in due form and assumed the Gavel, and opened the meeting in prescribed form.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master and the Grand Secretary and other Grand Lodge Officers were received with Grand Honors and escorted to the East. One minute silence was observed in memory of our Brethren who had passed to the Grand Lodge Above.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Reports were heard from the Worship Masters of the nine Lodges in District 18 and showed that they are all in a very active state and that interest in Masonic work is increasing. R.W. Bro. H. Mallery gave a report on his year in office and was presented with his past D.D.G.M. regalia by M.W. Bro. Empey.

The election of D.D.G.M. for 1952-53 was then proceeded with and as there was only one nomination, W. Bro. C. H. Westmore of Calgary Lodge No. 23 was declared elected, subject to approval by the M.W. Grand Master for the ensuing year.

The condition of Freemasonry in this district is very good, the Lodges are all very active and are efficient in their degree work. They are taking a good interest in the newly made Masons by giving them work to do, and also presenting them with books on Masonry.

In February of this year, members of our fraternity were saddened by the untimely death of our beloved King.

A joint lodge of Mourning was held at Standard and Strathmore Lodges and was well attended. The address by Bro. Hamilton from Strathmore Lodge was outstanding.

A joint Lodge of Mourning was held in Calgary on February 17, by the Lodges in District No. 1 and No. 18. A large attendance registered at the Al Azhar Temple at 3:00 p.m. The address was given by Wor. Bro. Canon Morgan.

I have visited all the lodges in District 18, once officially and several times unofficially, and I wish to express my sincere thanks to all the Brethren for the support they have given me and for the many kindnesses shown, and also to Wor. Bro. Spurr for his very efficient and capable work as district secretary.

It has been a great privilege to serve as your Deputy, Most Wor. Sir.

Respectfully and Fraternally submitted.

P. W. SLATER,
D.D.G.M. District No. 18.

MASONIC DISTRICT, YELLOWKNIFE, N.W.T.

To the M.W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M.W. Brother:

I paid my regular annual visit to Yellowknife Lodge No. 162 on February 4th, 1952 and received the usual enthusiastic welcome which is so very characteristic of these hardy Northerners. There were 35 Master Masons present, including four Past Masters and one visiting Past Master. The Entered Apprentice degree was exemplified with dignity and precision.

I was pleasantly surprised to see the virtual transformation of the appearance of the Lodge room. The members, comprising of doctors, engineers, mine managers, bank officials, etc., all turned out during the summer and completely painted the walls, ceiling and furniture, laid linoleum on the floor and generally gave the room "the New Look". Such enthusiasm augers well for the future.

During the year, there have been two deaths. One of the charter members, Bro. A. Ken. Muir, who acted as Senior Warden during Ivanhoe's Masonic expedition to the Arctic in 1938 and who was General Manager of the Giant Yellowknife Gold Mines since its inception, died whilst having dinner with my wife and myself in Edmonton. The other was a very highly respected and beloved member.

During the year, Yellowknife Lodge held a Church Parade in June and held a Masonic Ball in May at the Masonic Hall.

During my visit, the members agreed to construct and maintain a Children's Wading Pool in Petitot Park as no such facilities exist and it was felt that, since there are swimming arrangements at McNiven Park for the older children, something should be done for the small fry. I understand a proposal was made to the administration to defray the cost of the project.

Respectfully submitted.

CHARLES E. GARNETT,
Grand Master's Report, N.W.T.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL DEAD

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and
Members of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

During the year which has elapsed since our last Grand Lodge communication, over 200 of our brethren have passed within the veil into the presence of the Most High, from our jurisdictions. Deeds of Kindness, Devotion to God and to the Brotherhood characterized their lives. We love to think of them as being still active in a better and brighter sphere. "Absent from the body, at home with the Lord"!

"And not cold beneath the grasses,
Not close-walled within the tomb;
Rather, in my Father's Mansion,
Living in another room.

Shall I doubt my Father's Mercy?
Shall I think of death as doom,
Or the stepping o'er the threshold
To a bigger, brighter room?

Shall I blame my Father's wisdom?
Shall I sit enswathed in gloom,
When I know my loves are happy,
Waiting in the other room?"

Shelley the English Poet had similar thoughts, for when he heard of the death of his friend and colleague, John Keats, he wrote the following Epitaph and had it engraved on his tombstone.

"Peace, peace, He is not dead, he doth not sleep,
He hath awakened from the dream of life
Tis we, who lost in stormy visions keep
With phantoms an unprofitable strife."

Though we miss and mourn the loss of our brethren, we know that their trust was well founded and this gives us hope in regard to the future. "The Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away, blessed be the Name of the Lord".

I would like to mention all the names of our brethren who have passed on, for they are worthy of honorable mention, unfortunately our time is limited, therefore I have selected the names of a few well known brethren. The others will be mentioned in the Memorial pages of 1952 proceedings. Our heart-felt sympathy is extended to the lodges of our Jurisdictions, also to our Sister Jurisdictions, which suffered bereavement during the past year.

Our Sister Jurisdictions, England and Scotland, have suffered a great loss in the passing of our beloved Brother, King George VI. His life was an example and inspiration not only to our Fraternity, but to all mankind. King George VI was born Dec. 14th, 1895, died February 6th, 1952. He was initiated in Royal Navy Lodge No. 2612 in 1919. Provincial Grand Master of Middlesex, 1924. Installed Grand Master Mason of Scotland on St. Andrew's day 1936. Invested Honorary Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England in 1937.

His belief in Freemasonry was shown in these words, "The world today does require Spiritual and Moral regeneration, I have no doubt after many years as a member of our order, that Freemasonry can play a most important part in this vital need. He concluded with the wish, "May prosperity, happiness, and peace attend you all and all my brethren".

R.W. Bro. Samuel Fawcett, Past Master of Mizpah No. 35 and P.D.D.G.M. of District No. 2 Bro. Fawcett was one of the Pioneers of Medicine Hat district, highly respected, and his untimely death in July 1951 was deeply regretted.

R.W. Bro. Elgin Robert Bell, P.M. of Mizpah No. 35 S.G.D. 1915 and D.D.G.M. 1918. Born March 11th, 1883. He came to Medicine Hat district in 1900. Noted for his work on the school board, City Council and for his Church work. He was also active with the Juvenile Court for over 20 years. He died widely mourned and respected.

R.W. Bro. Howard O. Parkes, P.M. of Medicine Hat Lodge No. 2 and P.D.D.G.M. He was born in England and came to Canada in 1906. Taught school in "Manitoba". came to Medicine Hat in 1917, joined the City staff where he remained until his retirement after 28 years. He was esteemed by all who knew him.

M.W. Bro. Victor A. Bowes. Born in Toronto, Ont., June 29, 1887. Died at Winnipeg Sept. 29, 1915. He was Grand Master in 1934. Bro. Bowes was highly respected everywhere both as a citizen and a Mason. A veteran of World War I, and an officer of the C.P.R. where he held many responsible positions. As a Freemason and Grand Master he worked constantly towards elevating the Craft and spreading its influence, his memory will be long revered.

M.W. Bro. John Ainslie Jackson. Born at Seaforth, Ont. Died at Lethbridge Oct. 1st, 1951. He was Grand Master in 1914. He was District Judge for 32 years, widely known as a sports enthusiast and had a great affection for Freemasonry, his time and talent were always at the disposal of his brethren.

R.W. Bro. Harold Wm. Bell. Born in Scotland and came to Strathmore in 1906, Past Master, Strathmore Lodge No. 53. He was G.D. of C. in 1934, G. Registrar in 1945. He was widely known and devoted to the Craft, also the concordant orders of Freemasonry. He was ever ready to give of his time and assistance, and will be greatly missed in different circles. He died April 12, 1952.

W. Bro. F. J. Bradley, P.M. of Norwood Lodge No. 90. Died Oct. 10th, 1951. He served as Secretary of Norwood Lodge, for many years. A highly respected member of the Board of Benevolence, to which he rendered outstanding service, both at home and aboard, where his concise and complete reports brought great praise. He had a kindly disposition, his passing was much regretted.

Let us pray! Almighty and Merciful God, in time of Bereavement to whom can we turn but unto Thee, for Thou alone art the God of consolation, Thou art the Author and Disposer of our lives, from Whom our Spirits have come, and to Whom they shall return. We humbly acknowledge Thy Sovereign Power and right both to give and take away as seemeth good in Thy sight. We give Thee thanks for these our brethren who have finished their course in Faith and now rest from their labours, we think of their loyalty and affection

BUCKINGHAM PALACE.

4th March, 1952.

Dear Sir,

I am commanded by The Queen to express to you and to all those on whose behalf you wrote her sincere thanks for your kind message of sympathy in her great loss.

Her Majesty greatly appreciates their thought of her and her family at this time.

Yours truly,

Edward Ford

W.F. Empey, Esq.,
Grand Master,
Grand Lodge of Alberta Ancient Free
and Accepted Masons,
Edmonton,
Alberta,
Canada.

to the Craft, and to Thee and give thanks for every good race run and won. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the bereaved families and commend them one and all to Thee, look down in tender love and compassion and uphold and strengthen them who still mourn, especially our Most Gracious Sovereign Queen Elizabeth, may the mantle of her beloved Father, our late King and Brother, ever rest upon her shoulders, so that her reign may be an inspiration and example to all the people over which she reigns, with all Thy blessings, bless the entire Royal family.

We ask, in the Name of Thy beloved Son, -- Amen.

Freternally submitted.

D. MACLEOD CAMPBELL

RESOLVED on Motion of R.W. Bro. Rev. D. Mcleod Campbell, Chairman (134), seconded by R. W. Bro. James Henderson (34). That the Report of the Committee on Fraternal Dead be received and the sympathy of Grand Lodge assured to affected Lodges and Grand Lodges.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Alberta A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:

Regular Meetings of the Board were held by this Committee during the year and all financial business of Grand Lodge carefully considered.

The balance due from Lodges and Districts amounts to $694.76, which would be very much reduced except that one District and one Lodge have fairly large amounts outstanding, all things considered this is very satisfactory.

The Auditor has regularly examined the books and accounts and his Report and Financial Statement covering the period is now in your hands.

We would recommend that M.W. Brother William Ireland, C.A., be appointed Auditor for the current year and be paid the sum of $300.00 for services.

You will note by referring to the Financial Statement, that the cost of the operation of Grand Lodge has increased considerably. This year the Financial Statement shows a credit balance in the General Fund over our revenues of $1,490.43. We recommend that the sum of $1,490.43 be transferred to the reserve of the General Fund.

EMPLOYEES SUPERANNUATION FUND

The Employees Superannuation Fund now amounts to $13,000.00 and is included as a liability in the General Fund reserve of $24,000.00

Present instructions of Grand Lodge directs that the sum of $1,000.00 be taken each year from the General Fund and a like

amount from the Relief Fund added to the Employees Superannuation Fund. No other direction exists. Your Committee therefore, respectfully request the in-coming Grand Master to set up a special Committee to review the whole situation and bring in a report to Grand Lodge in 1953.

Your Finance Committee has felt for some time that the duties of the Grand Treasurer as laid down in Sec. No. 60-61 of the Constitution, need revising. At present the Grand Treasurer is the only person who has access to the Safety Deposit Box. In the event of his death or removal Grand Lodge would be greatly inconvenienced. Your Committee will therefore present for your approval, a supplementary amendment to the Constitution, to this Communication, when the proper Order of Business is called.

You will note in the amendments prepared by the Auditor of cash, receipts and disbursements, an item of $500.00 paid to the Bowness Relief Fund. The Grand Master, being present. O.Kd. the expenditure, but your Chairman feels that this is not in accordance with the Constitution and would ask that you now confirm this donation.

You will note the Bulletin revenue costs show a credit balance of $208.59. This however, does not include the cost of postage and envelopes supplied from the General Fund.

We are budgeting for $1,000.00 towards the expenses of the 50th Anniversary which will take place in October 1955.

In June 1945 the sum of $1,200.00 was set aside as a Regalia reserve. In June 1948 a further sum of $1,000.00 was set aside, makin a total of $2,200.00. Due to replacement of District Deputies regalia for Grand Lodge Officers in 1949, this sum is now nearly exhausted and your Committee now recommend that $2,000.00 of the General Fund Reserve be set aside for Regalia reserve.

The Budget for the year 1952-53 is attached to my Report as submitted for your approval.

We recommend that the D.D.G.Ms. be paid the sum of $50.00 each for service rendered for the year 1951-52.

Respectfully submitted,

A. D. CUMMING,

Chairman.

RESOLVED on Motion of M.W. Brother A. D. Cumming (134) seconded by M.W. Bro. H. B. Macdonald that the Report of the Finance Committee be received and adopted.

BUDGET		1952 - 1953	
Revenue	1952 Estimated	Actual	1953 Estimated
Membership Fees	$12,000.00	$15,985.90	$18,000.00
Initiation Fees	1,700.00	1,558.00	1,350.00
Certificate Fees	1,800.00	1,688.00	1,450.00
Affiliation Fees	200.00	258.00	150.00
Charter Fees	35.00		75.00
Dispensation	180.00	219.00	150.00
	$15,915.00	$19,688.90	$21,175.00
Expenditures			
Salaries	$ 9,000.00	$ 7,757.70	$ 8,000.00
Rent and Light	2,120.00	2,120.00	1,920.00
Telephones and Wires	$200.00	215.96	250.00
Postage and Express	650.00	615.00	650.00
Printing and Office Supplies	2,000.00	1,968.19	2,500.00
Exchange	75.00	40.81	75.00
Insurance	25.00	38.25	25.00
Grand Master's Expense	1,200.00	1,240.80	1,200.00
Grand Officers' Expense	1,000.00	498.35	1,000.00
Annual Communication	1,200.00	1,273.63	1,200.00
Grand Master's Regalia	275.00	246.42	275.00
Western Conference, Banff	500.00	306.85	400.00
Washington Conference, Fees	450.00	757.13	40.00
All Canada Conference	350.00	317.20	350.00
Safety Deposit Box	22.50	22.50	22.50
Unemployment Insurance	85.00	71.52	75.00
Research and Education and Banff Conference papers	200.00	182.15	200.00
Auditor's Fees	200.00	200.00	300.00
Payment to D.D.G.Ms	900.00	900.00	900.00
Employees Superannuation Fund	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
	$21,452.50	$19,772.46	$20,382.50
Bowness Flood Donation		$ 500.00	
Supplementary			
50th Anniversary in 1955, commemorating the founding of Grand Lodge			$ 1,000.00
			$21,382.50

The Grand Master:

Our speaker for tonight saw the city from the air last night and I think he would like to have a look at it from the ground this afternoon. I am going to excuse him if he wishes to, but before he leaves we would like to hear a few words from him now.

R.W. Bro. the Rev. John Hubbard:

Grand Master, Distinguished Guests and Masonic Brethren: I am deeply touched this morning. There seems to be an increasing atmosphere of brotherly love stealing over the group. If you analyze your hearts and minds you will feel that. Whenever Masons get together that spirit predominates and radiates through the atmosphere. I was deeply touched when my country's flag was presented. What a wonderful thing it is to have the red, white and blue in our two flags. We are bound together with ties of blood. My wife and I have always taken an interest in your Royal Family. She loves to read about them. How deeply touched she was at the passing away of the late King and more so at the wording on the wreath "To Darling Papa from Lillibet." It was not long before the King was laid to rest than people were talking about how good a king he was. Good Kings are rare. Some of the world's great Kings have been great at taking great liberties with the great fundamentals of life. The world is deeply indebted to the British Empire, to the contribution it has made. In Canada and the United States I find a kindred spirit.

(The speaker here related an incident about when he stayed at a motel near Calgary. No hot water was provided and when he came to pay the account there was a 10 per cent refund because of there being no hot water. The speaker stated that he regarded business morality of this type as being of a Christian and that if he required motel accommodation again in the Calgary region he would certainly go back to the motel even if there was no hot water!)

The speaker continued: "There is the wonderful spirit that exists. People with a common ideology share a common boundary line. Pretty soon I will say all I know on this subject and I will have nothing to say this evening. I was deeply touched with the reading of the Grand Master's report. There was something that captivated me when I first saw him. There was something in his face that spelled character — it says I have to speak the truth as it is in my heart. It is a real joy to be here with you Brethren.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS AND NEW LODGES

To the M.W. the Grand Master. Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee on Charters and New Lodges beg to submit the following report.

The past year has been one of unusual activity with a number of new Lodges coming into being and with Petitions out for still more, yet to be dealt with.

The following Lodges now make formal aplication for a Charter:

Canada Lodge U.D. Instituted March 12th, 1951.

Evergreen Lodge U.D. Instituted September 10th, 1951.

The books of these Lodges have been inspected and show that the business of the Lodge has been carried on in accordance with the best traditions of the Craft. The respective D.D.G.Ms. have certified that the premises, regalia and furniture are satisfactory, and add their recommendation that a Charter be granted.

The Committee would extend a special word of congratulation to the Registrar of Canada Lodge who has made a very excellent report in their Historical Register. This will be most useful in the days to come and gives a complete record of their formation.

We would recommend that Charters be granted to these two Lodges.

Dispensations have also been issued to the following Lodges, who were Instituted on the following dates:

Temple Lodge U.D., Edmonton, by M.W. Bro. W. F. Empey, on May 9th, 1952.

Highlands Lodge U.D., Edmonton, by M. W. Bro. W. F. Empey on May 29th, 1952.

St. George's Lodge U.D., Elk Point, by M.W. Bro. W. F. Empey on May 30th, 1952.

Avon Glen Lodge U.D., Edmonton, by R.W. Bro. Murray Hamilton, D.D.G.M. on June 4th, 1952.

In addition to the above Petitions have been requested and forwarded to a number of the Brethren at Lac la Biche and also to Brethren at Barrhead who are contemplating reviving the old Earl Haig Lodge whose Charter was surrendered a few years ago.

Respectfully submitted,

PETER DAWSON, J.G.W.

Chairman.

MOVED by R.W. Bro. Peter Dawson, (84), seconded by R.W. Bro. J. Booth (51) That the Committee on Charters and New Lodges be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Alberta A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir & Brethren:

I submit hereunder my report as Grand Treasurer for the year ending April 30, 1952.

GENERAL FUND

Balance in Bank May 1st, 1951	$ 11,664.58	
Receipts from Lodges	33,040.56	
Transfer from Benevolent Fund	294.59	
Interest on Bonds	90.00	
Donation G. L. of Idaho	25.00	$ 45.114.73
Cheques issued	37,448.05	
Balance in Bank, April 30th, 1952	7,666.68	$ 45,114.73

RELIEF FUND

Balance in Bank, May 1, 1951	$ 8,504.53	
Per Capita Tax	5,858.50	
Interest	9,521.45	
Receipts from Lodges	135.26	
Transfer from General Fund	750.13	$ 24,769.87
Grants to Beneficiaries	$ 9,398.99	
Transfer to Benevolent Fund	860.80	
Bonds Purchased	9,054.48	
Balance in Bank, April 30th, 1952	5,455.60	$ 24.769.87

BENEVOLENT FUND

Balance in Bank May 1st, 1951	$ 553.42	
Affiliation Fees	312.00	
Transfer from Relief Fund	860.80	
Interest	6.44	$ 1,732.66
Paid to General Fund	$ 294.59	
Balance in Bank, April 30, 1952	1,438.07	$ 1,732.66

A detailed account of Receipts and Disbursements is fully set forth in the reports of the Grand Secretary and Auditor.

Respectfullly submitted,
A. J. DAVIS,
Grand Treasurer.

MOVED by R. W. Bro. A. J. Davis (23), Seconded by R. W. Bro. L. D. Nicoll (41) that the Report of the Grand Treasurer be received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

GRAND LODGE ADJOURNED FOR LUNCH AT 11.20 a.m.

FIRST DAY — (Afternoon Session)

Grand Lodge resumed labor at 2:10 p.m.

The Grand Master: At this point it gives me a great deal of pleasure to announce the election of your Grand Master for the ensuing year, R. W. Bro. H. E. Howard.

R. W. Bro. H. E. Howard: Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren. I don't want to take any time just now. I just want to say this gives me the greatest sense of humility that I have ever experienced. I am looking forward today with a great deal of pleasure to my term of office, and I only hope you give me the same support as you did your present Grand Master. I shall have something to say when I am installed tomorrow.

PRESENTATION OF WARRANTS TO GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

The Grand Master: At this time it is my pleasant duty to appoint four new Grand Representatives and as the Secretary reads their names the Director of Ceremonies will place them at the Altar, please.

The following were then presented with their Warrants of Appointment:

R. W. Brother Charles S. Reach (3) - North Dakota.
R. W. Brother Ross Sheppard (11) - New Brunswick
R. W. Brother Roy Anderson (42) - Ohio.
R. W. Brother Harold Bentley (87) - Western Australia

The Grand Master remarking that it was a very great pleasure indeed to make these appointments.

RECEPTION OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

The Brethren having assembled before the Altar, the Grand Master called on M. W. Brother John Martland (63) to bring the greetings of himself and fellow Representatives.

M.W. Brother John Martland: M.W. Grand Master and Brethren: I wish to assure you it is a distinct pleasure, a privilege and an honour, to bring to you on behalf of these Grand Representatives here assembled at this Communication, the greetings of these various Grand Lodges. In doing so it probably gives the younger Brethren of this Grand Jurisdiction some idea of the far reaching influence and a realization that Free Masonry goes to the four divisions of the globe. Much might be said with regard to the Grand Representatives in the various Grand Jurisdictions that they represent. Suffice it to say that in seeing us in front of you it should remind you again of the duties you have solemnly undertaken with your obligation to carry out the principles and the teachings of the Craft not only within the Lodge but outside of the Lodge during your

every day walks of life and so M. W. Grand Master we thank you for your salutations and greet you well.

Grand Master: M. W. Bro. Martland and all Grand Representatives. I must express my thanks and appreciation for your Greetings and I would just add a word to what M. W. Bro. Martland has said that while your appointment is somewhat of an honour, it also carries some duties and I do expect that each of you will communicate with the Jurisdictions which you represent and I hope and I know that you will - if you carry that out - get a good deal of pleasure and profit out of it. It has been my privilege to represent the Grand Lodge of Cuba for some years and I have always derived pleasure by communicating with the Grand Master down there. It was my great pleasure this year in Washington to meet in person the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Cuba who I found to be a very lovable man of middle age, a man of very great ability I should say and a good Mason. It was a pleasure to meet him. I know you will all get pleasure out of communicating with the Grand Lodge you represent. I thank you. You may now be seated.

The Grand Master: At this time I am going to appoint the various Scrutineers and before I do so I again remind you the poll closes at four o'clock sharp. If you have not voted you better do so before that time. The Scrutineers will be under the chairmanship of M. W. Bro. William Ireland.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL RELATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE

EDMONTON, June 10th. 1952

TO THE M.W. THE GRAND MASTER,
Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Alberta,
A. F. & A. M.

M. W. Sir and Brethern,

Your Committee on Fraternal Relations and Correspondence have pleasure in submitting their report to Grand Lodge on the applications received by the Grand Secretary for recognition by this Grand Body.

European.

United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the Federal Republic of Western Germany. The literature submitted shows this Grand Body to be regular in every form. It consists of 201 Lodges with 10,005 members and 123 Masonic Clubs. Its former Grand Lodges are to become Provincial Grand Lodges. The situation in Germany has for many years been under a cloud, it is therefore recommended that until we are in a better position to judge of their operations that recognition be withheld for the present.

The Grand Lodge of Italy founded on July 12th. 1951 while the basic principles of this Grand Lodge conform with our requirements,

your Committee are of the opinion that it is much too young a Grand Lodge to enable us to judge of its qualifications for recognition and we suggest that the question lie on the table for the present.

Grand Lodge of Iceland an offshoot from the Grand Lodge of Denmark was formed in August 1951; the United Grand Lodge of England has extended recognition to Iceland and recommend that Alberta do likewise and extend the hand of brotherly love and friendship to Iceland and arrange an interchange of representatives.

South America.

Applications have been received from the following:—
The Grand Lodge of Honduras
The Grand Lodge of Argentina
The Grand Lodge of Sao Paulo, Brazil
The Grand Lodge of the Republic of Columbia at Bogota

The situation in these countries is such that until we are in a better position to judge of their worthiness of recognition, it is recommended that with the exception of the Grand Lodge of Iceland, that no action on these applications be taken at the present time.

Much of the correspondence coming before your Committee is received in a foreign language, and your Committee in indebted to Bro. G. B. Thorn of Edmonton for his translations and express our thanks to him for services so kindly rendered.

Your Committee wish to extend their cordial thanks to the many jurisdictions throughout the world who have favoured us with copies of their proceedings. After review these will be placed in the Grand Lodge library for reference by the brethren.

Respectfully submitted,

William Ireland,
Chairman

RESOLVED on Motion of M.W. Bro. William Ireland (9), seconded by M.W. Brother Sam Harris (88), that the Report of the Committee on Foreign Relations be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS

EDMONTON, June 10, 1952

To the M. W. The Grand Master and Brethren
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta A. F. & A. M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

CASE No. 32

This Brother was suspended by his Lodge in May, 1950, for three months. This Committee recommended then that the sentence be increased to one of indefinite suspension and this was confirmed

by Grand Lodge in 1950. This Lodge voted in May, 1951 to have this suspension terminated. Your Committee was unable to agree so the suspension remained. In January, 1952 the W. M. of his Lodge appointed a special committee to present this case and at a well attended meeting of the Lodge in March, 1952, the members present voted unanimously to ask Grand Lodge to lift the suspension. Your Committee recommends that this now be done.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

E. P. Galbraith,
Chairman

RESOLVED on Motion of M. W. Bro. F. P. Galbraith (29), seconded by M. W. Bro. John Martland (63), That the Report of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals be received and adopted.

The Grand Master: I think we may have a variation in the program. We have with us the Deputy Grand Master of North Dakota, R. W. Bro. Edward J. Franta.

ADDRESS

R. W. Bro. Edward J. Franta:

M. W. Bro. Empey, distinguished guests, Grand Lodge Officers and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Alberta: Is it not true, Brethren, that Masonry is one thrill after another. No one will deny that receiving a Masonic apron is an unforgettable attainment. Still, how many of us will ever forget on installation night when we rapped the gavel that seated the Lodge as our first official act as the new Master of the Lodge. The first appointment of those who wear the purple of the fraternity is still another. The privilege of being with you today is the highlight in my Masonic experience. The Masons of North Dakota greatly appreciate the honour you accord me. My remarks have to be brief because I must hurry. Just three days from the time your sessions close here in Beautiful Edmonton our sessions will open in Grand Forks. I must drive 1200 miles and stop off at home and get a clean shirt. On the way up we stopped in Regina where R. W. Bro. Robert A. Tate, the Grand Secretary of Saskatchewan, arranged accomadation for us. We called at his office on Monday and he regretted not being here today. He asked me to extend his personal greetings to all of you and his best wishes for a happy Communication. It is because of a busy schedule that our Grand Master was prevented from attending this Communication. When he asked me to officially represent him here at your Grand Lodge Communication he did it unhesitatingly and without any feeling of imposition. He said any Mason who is privileged to spend two days with those Brethren in Alberta will be well repaid. Our Grand Master has given us a most profitable and progressive year. He has travelled widely over our Grand Jurisdiction and spent much time in promoting the welfare of our fraternity and has also paid particular attention to the local lodges. We anticipate that this Communication next week at Grand Forks will bring his year to a

glorious climax. When he commanded me to come here he insisted that I express his regret and asked me to express his warm fraternal greetings to everyone of you and his heartiest wishes for a successful Grand Lodge session. He gave this on behalf of the 14,000 Masons of North Dakota. He asked that the Grand relationship be continued and extended.

We who live in the vicinity of the 49th parallel will understand the brotherhood of Masonry. Only the Masons of Alberta, North Dakota, Saskatchewan and Montana understand how men can live together more as brothers than mere neighbours. There would be something missing from Masonry, if not from our lives, if there was not this fraternizing at these meetings. It is a particular thrill to meet in the shelter of these two great flags. My own Masonic experience has been so much enriched by association with Brethren from the Dominion that today it is a particular thrill. When your Grand Master Waldo Empey and M. W. Bro. Howard and others were with us at Washington we enjoyed the personal freindship. I hardly expected it would be so soon we would be back together again.

Our Masonic meetings in recent years and for several years could hardly avoid feelings of sadness, pessimism and even apprehension about the welfare of Masonry throughout the world and I believe that we can be happy that there has been progress even though slow. Our brethren in Germany have carried on. They have 206 lodges and 15,000 members The situation has much improved in the Philippines, Mexico, and Italy; the problem children of Masonry still being Brazil, China and France. In Austria Masonry is practiced in only parts of the country and in Hungary only in the hearts of its initiates. But with the condition of Masonry improving in so many countries I believe we can be optimistic that the principles of Masonry will prevail as it penetrates deeper into the hearts of men everywhere. I am grateful for the privilege of being with you. M. W. Bro. George Moore I wish to particularly thank for making my presence here so enjoyable and the Grand Master I thank also for his kindness.

We had the pleasure of honouring M. W. Bro. George Ellis as your official representative at the 36th Annual convention at Grand Forks and we would deem it a pleasure to entertain more of the Brethren from Alberta. Only two weeks ago Brother Story from Acadia Lodge sat in the Lodge with me on the occasion of our annual past master's night. He enjoyed the evening and I know you would enjoy our sessions as I have enjoyed my time among you. Thank you Brethren.

REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and members of the Grand Lodge of Alberta A. F. & A. M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:—

I beg to present herwith the Forty-Seventh Annual report of

your Grand Secretary, together with a statement of monies received from Lodges, and Lodge balances for the fiscal year ending April 30th, 1952. A statement of receipts and expenditures and assets and liabilities as at that date will be found in the Auditor's Report.

Also included in the Report is a synopsis of Certificates issued and all other official data of the M. W. Grand Master and transactions of this office.

LODGES

There are 152 Chartered Lodges and six under Dispensation on the Register of the Grand Lodge of Alberta A. F. & A. M., with a total membership as at December 31st, 1951 of 16,005.

PROCEEDINGS

Six hundred copies of the Proceedings of the last Annual Communication were printed and distributed in accordance with instructions of Grand Lodge. Two copies were sent to each Lodge and a third sent when requested by the Lodge. It is recommended that the same be printed for this year.

CERTIFICATES

In accordance with Section 75 of the Constitution, Certificates were issued to all Elected and Appointed Officers of Grand Lodge.

I have issued 752 Master Mason Certificates to Brethren raised during the year.

110 Life Members were registered and the requisite Certificates issued.

I have also issued 134 Past Masters Certificates who have applied for same.

BY-LAWS

The M. W. the Grand Master has examined and approved the By-Laws of the following:

Victoria No. 13 ..... January 25th, 1952
Summit No. 30 ..... April 15th, 1952
Provost No. 61 ..... March 12th, 1952
Crescent No. 87 ..... October 22nd, 1951

AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS

North Star No. 4 ..... July 16th, 1951
Edmonton No. 7 ..... December 13th, 1951
Acacia No. 11 ..... November 17th, 1951
Acacia No. 11 ..... February 27th, 1952
Mountain View No. 16 ..... February 12th, 1952

Nanton No. 17	January 14th, 1952
Doric No. 31	April 21st, 1952
Cairo No. 32	May 25th, 1951
Mizpah No. 35	March 26th, 1952
Lthbridge No. 39	September 10th, 1951
Chinook No. 47	May 30th, 1951
Strathmore No. 53	October 23rd, 1951
Bassano No. 55	November 26th, 1951
Grassy Lake No. 57	January 10th, 1952
Diamond City No. 65	September 28th, 1951
Harmony No. 75	November 5th, 1951
Strathcona No. 77	March 18th, 1952
Morning Star No. 79	February 4th, 1952
Crescent No. 87	August 25th, 1952
Wahpun No. 88	January 14th, 1952
Patricia No. 91	December 27th, 1951
Patricia No. 91	January 2nd, 1952
Symbol No. 93	November 16th, 1951
Symbol No. 93	January 26th, 1952
Lamont No. 94	November 16th, 1951
Lamont No. 94	December 18th, 1951
Hand Hill No. 98	February 4th, 1952
Foremost No. 103	December 21st, 1951
Grande Prairie No. 105	February 20th, 1952
Dominion No. 117	April 4th, 1952
York No. 119	October 25th, 1951
Rockyford No. 123	March 21st, 1952
Kitscoty No. 131	January 28th, 1952
Alliance No. 135	October 26th, 1951
Ivanhoe No. 142	May 26th, 1951
Drumheller No. 146	December 11th, 1951

DISPENSATIONS

To wear Regalia at Divine Service	25
To Install and Invest out of time	8
To Change the Night of Regular Meeting	45
To Change the Hour of Regular Meeting	6
To Change the Place of Regular Meeting	1
To Receive and Act with Physical Disability	5
To Elect and Invest out of time	10
To Invest out of time	2
To Act without Residence Qualifications	4
To Withdraw Application	7
To Confer Degrees within the statutory time	9
To Ballot and Initiate the same evening	1
To Confer Degree on six Candidates in one evening	1
To Receive and Ballot within the statutory time	1

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

Commissions of the M.W. the Grand Master, appointing Grand Representatives near the following Grand Lodges, on the recom-

mendation of their respective Grand Masters, were issued as follows:
MEXICO (York) ..... Richard N. Schwabe
WISCONSIN ..... Rufus R. Runke

Upon the recommendation of the M.W. the Grand Master of Alberta, the following were commissioned as Grand Representatives near the Grand Lodge of Alberta:
NEW BRUNSWICK . R.W. Bro. Ross S. Sheppard (11), Edmonton
NORTH DAKOTA . R.W. Bro. Chas. Reach (3), Fort Macleod
OHIO . . R.W. Bro. Roy Anderson (42), Bowden
WESTERN AUSTRALIA .... R.W. Bro. Harold H. Bentley (87), Calgary

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

The following Special Committees were appointed by the M.W. the Grand Master:

BULLETIN

M.W. Bro. Sam Harris (88) was appointed Editor of the Bulletin.

MASONIC RESEARCH AND EDUCATION

V.W. Bro. Malcolm J. Brodie (63), Chairman.

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

M.W. Bro. Russell J. Bradley (51), Chairman.
M.W. Bro. H. B. Macdonald (83).
M.W. Bro. W. A. Henry (10).

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT

M.W. Bro. Sam Harris (9), Chairman.
M.W. Bro. M. M. Downey (44).
M.W. Bro. LeRoy W. Bond (137).

FRATERNAL DEAD

R.W. Bro. McL. Campbell (134), Chairman.
R.W. Bro. Peter Dawson (84).
R.W. Bro. George W. Bureau (134).

GRAND HISTORIAN

M.W. Bro. Sam Harris (88).

YELLOWKNIFE

R.W. Bro. Chas. E. Garnett (142) was appointed Grand Master's Special Representative.

MEMBERSHIP

Total membership (corrected) as at December 31st, 1950			15,553
Increase:			
Initiated	776		
Passed 741			
Raised 752			
Affiliated	249		
Reinstated	54		
		1,079	
Decrease:			
Demitted	237		
Suspended N.P.D.	119		
Suspended U.M.C.	—		
Died	271		
		627	
Net Increase			452
Total Membership as at December 31st, 1951			16,005

This shows a decrease from 1951 of 72 Initiates, while Affiliates show an increase of 45 — Reinstatement also increased by six.

Demits show an increase over 1950 of eight (8), Suspensions N.P.D. increased from 80 to 119 — a difference of 39. Deaths also show an increase of 39.

It will be noted from the above that our losses exceeded 58% of our gains.

COURTESY DEGREES

During the year we have conferred twenty-four (24) Courtesy Degrees for Sister Jurisdictions and have requested two (2) for our own members who have moved elsewhere.

INSTITUTION OF NEW LODGES

During the year Petitions have been received for Dispensations for six (6) new Lodges.

Evergreen Lodge at Edmonton — Instituted by the Grand Master on Monday, September 17th, 1951, with about 200 Brethren in attendance.

Temple Lodge at Edmonton — Instituted by the Grand Master on Friday, May 9th, 1952, with approximately 200 Brethren present.

Dispensations have been issued to:

St. George's Lodge at Elk Point.

Highlands Lodge at Edmonton.

Avon Glen Lodge at Edmonton (South Side),

and by the time this Report is received these Lodges will no doubt have been Instituted.

Petitions are also out to Brethren at Lac la Biche and also to Barrhead, which, at time of writing this report, had not been returned.

Applications for Charters have been made by Canada Lodge

U.D. and Evergreen Lodge U.D. These have been referred to the Committee on Charters and New Lodges and will be dealt with at this Communication.

DISTRICT MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES

I attended the Grand Master at all eighteen of the District Meetings. These were well attended and as usual the "Open Forum" was a very popular part of the programme — your Grand Lodge Officers were kept busy answering questions, especially those dealt with by M.W. Bro. John Martland, Chairman of the Custodians of the Work.

I also attended the Conference of Western Grand Lodges held in Banff last September, a full report of which appears elsewhere. Addresses given at this Conference were, as usual, mimeographed and sent to all the Lodges.

I also attended the Washington, D.C., Conference held in February last, including:

The Masonic Service Conference,

The Grand Masters of North America Conference,

The Grand Secretaries' Conference,

The George Washington Memorial Conference.

Many matters of vital interest to the Craft were discussed and your Grand Officers attending left with the feeling that much information had been gained.

I also attended more than the usual number of Lodges and addressed them on matters of interest to the Craft.

BASES FOR WHITE WANDS

Following instructions of the Forty-Sixth Annual Communication, bases for the White Wands donated by M.W. Bro. John Martland have been procured. I have much pleasure in reporting that these bases were made and presented gratis by Brother Walter A. Steele of Concord Lodge No. 124, to whom our grateful thanks are hereby extended.

BOWNESS FLOOD RELIEF

The sum of $500.00 was donated to the relief of sufferers in the Bowness flood.

LOST MAIL

The Postal service has been steadily deteriorating for some time — this year there has been an increase in the number of M.M. and other Certificates lost in the mail. This is rather disturbing to your Grand Lodge Office, where great pains are taken to

see that they are properly packed and addressed and sent as First Class mail. One wonders what the ultimate fate of these Certificates is, and Lodges should be on guard against imposters seeking admission.

COPIES OF THE WORK

There is noted a growing indifference to the regulations governing the handling and care of Rituals and your Grand Secretary can recount some amazing incidents — some of which are distinctly unpleasant. It is my intention to bring this matter before the Board of General Purposes for consideration.

As the Grand Secretary's report for 1951 was not read at Grand Lodge last year, it is respectfully suggested that, if your Lodge has not already done so, you should make a point of doing so, as it contains much information that could be of use to you.

LODGE OF MOURNING

Immediately word was received of the passing of His Most Gracious Majesty King George VI, by order of the Grand Master a circular was sent to all Lodges ordering a Lodge of Mourning. Some twenty-five hundred copies of a form of service were prepared and mailed to all Lodges, instructing them to hold a Lodge of Mourning at the earliest possible date after receipt thereof. The response to the Grand Master's request throughout the Jurisdiction was most gratifying and testified to the great esteem in which His late Majesty was held as a Freemason and a man everywhere.

BULLETIN

I am pleased to report that the Bulletin is steadily increasing in popularity both at home and abroad. Many calls have been received from distant parts of the world for specific issues. The number issued monthly now amounts to 12,600 copies.

APPRECIATION

The duties of a Grand Secretary are many and varied and the interests of the Craft are to a great extent determined by the efficiency of the Grand Lodge Office which in turn depends on the amount of co-operation received by the Grand Secretary.

It is my great pleasure to pay tribute to the co-operation which I have received in the carrying out of my duties. To the Grand Master who promptly and wisely attended to the many difficult problems submitted to him and who has been ever thoughtful for the welfare of the Craft.

To the District Deputies whose attention to their arduous tasks have helped so much in the governing of their far-flung charges.

Especially to the Secretaries whose unflagging and never-ending zeal in looking after their respective Lodges, and in whose hands

the welfare of the Craft so largely depends, my grateful thanks. Without their aid, so cheerfully given, very little could be accomplished.

And lastly to my assistant, Miss Butler, who uncomplainingly works early and late, as the occasion demands, my grateful thanks.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE MOORE,
Grand Secretary.

RESOLVED on motion of M.W. Bro. George Moore (23) and seconded by M.W. Bro. A. D. Cumming (134):

> "That the Report of the Grand Secretary, with the exception of the Financial Statement, be received and referred to the Committee on the Grand Secretary's Report, and that the Financial Statement, including the Auditor's Report, be referred to the Committee on Finance."

Annual Report of the Grand Secretary and Auditor's Report for the Year ending April 30th, 1952

Statement of Debits, Credits and Monies received from Lodges between May 1st, 1951 and April 30th, 1952

No.	Name of Lodge	Debits	Credits	Amount Received
1.	Bow River	$ 4.00		$ 401.60
2.	Medicine Hat	2.40		530.05
3.	Alberta	2.00		205.08
4.	North Star	5.00		356.15
5.	Cascade	130.50		148.00
6.	Spitzie	.75		208.51
7.	Edmonton			732.15
8.	Innisfail	.75		238.75
9.	Perfection	9.00		869.90
10.	Eureka	3.35		202.60
11.	Acacia		$ 3.40	743.96
12.	Red Deer			294.80
13.	Victoria	10.50		134.70
14.	Jasper	1.00		270.95
15.	Wetaskiwin	10.05		219.05
16.	Mountain View	1.00		174.45
17.	Nanton	2.45		157.30
18.	Britannia	2.25		192.90
19.	Cornerstone			291.50
20.	Carstairs			108.10
21.	King Hiram			177.65
22.	Corinthian		139.75	458.30
23.	Calgary			381.50
24.	Vermilion	20.42		324.73
25.	St. John's	9.80		219.05
26.	Sentinel		2.05	151.19
27.	Apollo			204.05
28.	Ashlar			322.30
29.	Kenilworth	1.75		239.70
30.	Summit	3.95		170.30
31.	Doric			155.80
32.	Cairo			184.45
33.	Stavely			114.07
34.	Star of the West	2.00		149.37
35.	Mizpah			338.65
36.	Gleichen	8.50		161.20
37.	Camrose	3.75		199.55
38.	Hope	2.90		181.60
39.	Lethbridge			417.75

No.	Name of Lodge	Debits	Credits	Amount Received
40.	Joppa		2.50	53.55
41.	King Solomon			125.00
42.	Bowden			126.25
43.	Tuscan	2.00		84.90
44.	Buffalo Park	3.50		180.10
45.	Ionic	1.45		66.30
46.	Palestine	4.60		104.25
47.	Chinook		2.53	52.00
48.	Crossfield		21.00	171.95
49.	Robert Burns	1.00		80.80
50.	Comet			117.45
51.	Unity		1.00	674.20
53.	Strathmore			228.85
54.	Mount Lebanon			361.40
55.	Bassano			215.63
56.	Beaver		1.15	94.62
57.	Grassy Lake		.60	96.65
58.	Chief Mountain	11.99		99.96
59.	King George	.40		548.40
60.	Acme	5.75		125.25
61.	Provost	2.00		124.50
62.	Melrose	2.75		126.20
63.	Empire			297.75
64.	Bow Island	2.80		155.05
65.	Diamond City			68.05
66.	St. Andrew's	12.30		124.82
67.	Charity		1.75	190.00
68.	Edson			412.40
69.	Connaught	7.50		95.45
70.	Quarry		3.40	141.89
71.	Tawatinaw			146.00
72.	Coronation	.40		160.24
73.	Brooks	2.90		237.65
74.	Vulcan		.60	179.95
75.	Harmony	2.00		83.50
76.	Fidelity	5.70		151.93
77.	Strathcona		.65	324.60
78.	Hanna	2.85		238.45
79.	Morning Star			80.55
80.	Excelsior	1.00		39.30
81.	Commercial		1.00	433.65
82.	Acadia	.85		95.20
83.	Zetland	4.75		505.20
84.	Champion	5.39		113.15
86.	Rocky Mountain			186.45
87.	Crescent	2.00		475.65
88.	Wahpun			125.45
89.	Peace River		4.40	257.17
90.	Norwood	3.15		451.76
91.	Patricia	9.50		405.90
92.	Saskatchewan	2.00		316.35

No.	Name of Lodge	Debits	Credits	Amount Received
93.	Symbol	3.60		302.80
94.	Lamont	5.50		102.65
95.	Kitchener			77.80
96.	Dynamic	1.35		93.80
97.	Albion	2.15		75.55
98.	Hand Hill		.50	138.77
100.	Century		5.35	212.21
101.	West Edmonton	1.10		358.91
102.	Edgerton	15.94		99.82
103.	Foremost	4.90		103.80
104.	Oyen	.75		247.10
105.	Grand Prairie	25.25		239.05
106.	Lake Saskatoon			74.83
107.	Carbon	9.00		133.75
108.	Pyramid			55.65
111.	Nobleford		6.35	62.05
113.	Cyprus	8.50		117.63
114.	Westlock			202.79
115.	Crocus	3.15		48.65
116.	Spirit River		1.80	153.15
117.	Dominion	3.85		360.10
118.	St. Mark's		.40	385.20
119.	York		2.70	318.55
120.	Monitor	2.45		96.00
121.	Clive		56.00	
122.	Rising Sun		40.00	10.00
123.	Rockyford	1.00		100.35
124.	Concord			455.60
125.	Cavell			103.25
126.	Pembina	3.45		67.55
127.	Granite	13.85		172.30
128.	Forestburg		24.38	110.76
129.	Meridian		9.00	174.75
130.	Hussar			116.00
131.	Kitscoty	13.90		104.65
132.	Craigmyle			85.50
133.	Manyberries		2.00	60.15
134.	Renfrew	.40		409.90
135.	Alliance		.25	90.51
136.	Cresset	3.85		84.30
137.	Irricana			165.20
138.	Onoway			80.65
140.	Big Valley	.40		110.45
141.	Efficiency	4.69		97.69
142.	Ivanhoe		2.00	403.90
143.	Jasper Park			255.15
144.	Gratton	1.25		111.50
145.	St. Alban's	5.35		152.35
146.	Drumheller	.10		201.29
147.	Northland	2.$0		191.95
148.	Mayerthorpe		1.00	63.80

No.	Name of Lodge	Debits	Credits	Amount Received
151.	Lochearn		3.85	252.41
152.	Standard	1.00		73.35
153.	Whitecourt	3.00		80.90
154.	Waskatenau	11.40		79.50
156.	Hythe			128.50
157.	Sharon	4.50		92.98
158	Berry Creek	3.58		82.10
159.	Lucerne		8.59	92.00
160.	Sexsmith	.45		104.95
161.	Empress		3.10	114.12
162.	Yellowknife		5.35	167.64
163.	Ancient Landmark	.60		91.59
164.	Gateway		.85	102.50
U.D.	Canada	9.30		119.18
U.D.	Evergreen			109.55
U.D.	St. George's			25.00
U.D.	Temple	47.10		25.00
Masonic District No. 4.				137.50
Masonic District No. 8.				137.50
Masonic District No. 9.				137.50
Masonic District No. 10.				137.50
Masonic District No. 11.				137.50
Masonic District No. 12.				135.00
Masonic District No. 13.		137.50		270.00
Masonic District No. 14.				272.50
Masonic District No. 15.				135.00
Masonic District No. 16.				137.50
Masonic District No. 18.				137.50
Sundry Account				120.75
		$694.76	$359.25	$33,040.56

To the M.W. the Grand Master,
Officers and Members of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. and A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:

I have made an examination of the books and accounts of your Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer for the fiscal period ending April 30th, 1952 and have obtained all information and explanations I have required. I report that I am of the opinion that the foregoing Balance Sheet and accompanying Revenue and Surplus Accounts and Statements of Receipts and Disbursements are properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the financial position of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M., according to the best of my information and the explanation given to me, and as shown by the books.

W. Ireland, Chartered Acountant.

GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, A.F. & A.M.
Balance Sheet as at April 30, 1952

ASSETS

General Fund:		
Balance in Bank of Novo Scotia	$ 7,666.68	
Government of Canada Bonds	$23,661.25	
Accrued Interest	204.02	
	23,865.27	
Balance due from Lodges	694.76	
Balance due from Relief Fund	1,610.00	
Books, Stationery & Supplies on hand	2,983.04	
Furniture & Fixtures	790.06	
Regalia	1,499.02	
		39,108.83
Benevolent Fund:		
Balance in Bank of Nova Scotia	1,438.07	
Investments in Bonds at Cost	231,235.12	
		232,673.19
Relief Fund:		
Balance in Bank of Nova Scotia	5,455.60	
Investments in Bonds at Cost	86,245.06	
Accrued Interest	2,620.93	
	88,865.99	
		94,321.59
Masonic Home & School Fund:		
Balance in Bank of Nova Scotia	27.00	
Balance due from Relief Fund	101.00	
		128.00
		$366,231.61

LIABILITIES

General Fund:			
Balance due to Lodges		359.25	
Pension Fund for Grand Secretary		13,000.00	
Surplus Account:			
Balance, May 1, 1951	24.259.15		
Plus Excess of Income over Expenditure as per Revenue Account	1,490.43		
		25,749.58	
			39,108.83
Benevolent Fund:			
Benevolent Fund as per Schedule			232,673.19
Relief Fund:			
Balance due General Fund	1,610.00		
Balance due Masonic Home & School Fund	101.00		
		1,711.00	
Surplus Account as per Schedule		92,610.59	
			94,321.59
Masonic Home & School Fund:			
Legacy from Estate of the Late Wor. Brother James Winn and Interest Accrued			128.00
			$366,231.61

GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, A.F. & A.M.

Benevolent Fund Capital Account

As at April 30th, 1952

Balance May 1, 1951	$232,354.75
Plus Affiliation Fees	312.00
Plus Interest on Savings Account	6.44
	$232,673.19

Relief Fund Surplus Account

As at April 30th, 1952

Balance to May 1, 1951		$88,135.10
Interest Earnings		8,880.72
Membership Fees		5,858.50
Refunds from Lodges		135.26
		$103,009.58
Less Grants to Beneficiaries	9,398.99	
Less Provision for Pension Fund	1,000.00	
		10,398.99
Balance to Balance Sheet		92,610.59

GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, A.F. & A.M.

REVENUE ACCOUNT

For 12 Months Ended April 30, 1952

Revenue:

Membership Fees			15,987.40
Initiation Fees			1,558.00
Certificate Fees			1,688.00
Dispensations			269.00
Life Membership Fees			97.00
Affiliation Fees			238.00
			19,837.40
Interest on Bonds		660.95	
Supplies Sold	2,566.22		
Less Cost	1,555.00		
		1,011.22	
Regalia Sales	1,510.00		
Less Cost	1,342.17		
		167.83	
Bulletin Revenue	2,241.34		
Less Cost	2,032.75		
		208.59	2,048.59
			21,885.99

Expenditures:

Salaries	7,757.70		
Rent & Light	2,120.00		
Telephone & Telegrams	214.61		
Audit Fee	200.00		
Postage and Express	615.84		
Office & General Expenses	73.35		
Insurance General & Fidelity	45.75		
Unemployment Insurance	67.10		
Interest & Exchange	40.81		
Safety Deposit Box Rental	22.50		
		11,157,66	
Printing Proceedings & General		1,968.19	

Travelling Expenses:

Grand Master	1,240.80		
Grand Officers	498.35		
All Canada Conference	317.20		
Washington Conference	757.13		
		2.813.48	
Provision for Pension Fund		1,000.00	

Grand Lodge Expense:

Annual Communication	1,520.05	
Expenses District Deputies	900.00	
Western Canada Conference	281.85	
		2,701.90

Donation:

Bowness Relief Fund	500.00	

Depreciation:

Regalia	166.55		
Furniture & Fixtures	87.78	254.33	20,395.56
Net Revenue for the Year			1,490.43

GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, A.F. & A.M.

Statement of Cash Receipts & Disbursements

From May 1, 1951 to April 30, 1952

Benevolent Fund

Balance in Bank, May 1, 1951		533.42	
Affiliation Fees		312.00	
Transfer from Relief Fund		860.80	
Interest on Savings Account		6.44	
Payment to General Fund			294..59
Balance in Bank of Nova Scotia			1,438.07
		1,732.66	1,732.66

Relief Fund

Balance in Bank, May 1, 1951		8,504.53	
Per Capita Tax		5,858.50	
Interest on Investments:			
Government of Canada Bonds	8,708.75		
Ontario Hydro Electric	598.00		
Province of New Brunswick	113.75		
		9,420.50	
Interest on Savings Account		100.95	
Receipts from Lodges		135.26	
Transfer from General Fund		750.13	
Grants to Beneficiaries			9,398.99
Transferred to Benevolent Fund			860.80
Province of Ontario Bonds Purchased			9,054.48
Balance in Bank of Nova Scotia			5,455.60
		24,769.87	24,769.87

Masonic Home & School Fund

Balance in Bank, May 1, 1951	27.00	
Bond redeemed	101.00	
Balance in Relief Fund		128.00
	128.00	128.00

GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, A.F. & A.M.
STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS & DISBURSEMENTS
From May 1, 1951 to April 30, 1952

RECEIPTS		DISBURSEMENTS		
Balance in Bank, May 1, 1951	11,664.58	Salaries	7,757.70	
Receipts from Lodges	33,040.56	Printing	2,110.09	
Transfer from Benevolent Fund	294.59	Rent & Light	2,120.00	
Interest, Government of Canada Bonds	90.00	Postage and Express	615.84	
Western Canada Conference Donation from Grand Lodge of *Idaho*	25.00	Telephones and Telegrams	214.61	
		Interest and Exchange	81.91	
		Audit Fee	200.00	
		Unemployment Insurance	67.10	
		Insurance General and Fidelity	45.75	
		Safety Deposit Box Rental	22.50	
		Office and General Expenses	73.35	
				13,308.85
		Travelling Expenses:		
		Grand Master	1,240 80	
		Grand Officers	498.35	
		All Canada Conference	317.20	
		Washington Conference	757.13	
				2,813.48
		Grand Lodge Expenses:		
		Annual Communication	1,520.05	
		Expenses District Deputy Grand Masters	900.00	
		Western Canada Conference	306.85	
				2,726.90
		Supplies Purchased	2,737.41	
		Regalia Purchased for Resale	1,600.17	
		Bulletin Expense	2,032.75	
				6,370.33
		Transfers to Relief Fund:		
		Per Capita Tax	5,858.50	
		Payment from 1951	750.13	
				6,608.63
		Transfer to Benevolent Fund:		
		Affiliation Fees		312.00
		Bowness Relief Fund		500.00
		Government of Canada Bonds Purchased		4,807.86
		Balance in Bank of Nova Scotia, April 30, 1952		7,666.68
	45,114.73			45,114.73

GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, A.F. & A.M.

LIST OF SECURITIES AS AT APRIL 30, 1952

BENEVOLENT FUND—INVESTMENT ACCOUNT

	Rate of Interest	Par Value	Cost	Annual Interest	Interest Accrued
Dominion of Canada:					
July 1, Perpetual	3 %	$ 5,000.00	$ 4,987.50	$ 150.00	$ 36.57
May 15th, Perpetual	3 %	24,000.00	22,765.00	720.00	88.77
May 1, 1957	3 %	10,000.00	10,000.00	300.00	150.00
Sept. 1, 1966	3 %	55,000.00	57,681.25	1,650.00	275.75
June 15, 1968	2¾ %	130,000.00	129,350.00	3,575.00	1,322.25
		224000.00	224,783.75	6,395.00	1,873.34
Province of New Brunswick:					
Sept. 15, 1965	3½ %	6,500.00	6,451.37	227.50	112.81
		230,500.00	231,235.12	6,622.50	1,986.15

Relief Fund Investment Account

Dominion of Canada:					
July 1, Perpetual	3 %	5,000.00	4,987.50	150.00	36.58
Sept. 15, Perpetual	3 %	15,000.00	15,461.31	450.00	56.71
March 1, 1954	3 %	5,000.00	5,000.00	150.00	25.06
Nov. 1 1956	3 %	3,000.00	3,000.00	90.00	45.00
Jan. 1, 1959	3 %	10,000.00	10,000.00	300.00	100.00
June 1, 1960	3 %	5,000.00	5,000.00	150.00	60.41
Feb. 1, 1962	3 %	500.00	500.00	15.00	3.66
Sept. 1, 1966	3 %	7,000.00	7,338.75	210.00	35.09
June 15, 1968	2¾ %	6,000.00	5,970.00	165.00	61.02
		56,500.00	57,257.56	1,680.00	423.53
Hydro Electric Power Commission of Ontario					
July 2, 1964	3 %	20,000.00	19,975.00	600.00	200.00
Province of Ontario:					
Dec. 15, 1970	3 %	10,000.00	9,012.50	300.00	11.25
		86,500.00	86,245.06	2,580.00	634.78

GENERAL FUND

Dominion of Canada:					
Feb. 1, Perpetual	3 %	5,000.00	4,987.50	150.00	36.57
June 15, 1968	2¾ %	14,000.00	13,930.00	385.00	142.39
Sept. 1, 1966	3 %	5,000.00	4,743.75	150.00	25.06
		24,000.00	23.661.25	685.00	204.02

The Grand Master: At this time we will hear from the Grand Master of our sister Province of Saskatchewan, M.W. Bro. Robert McEwan:

ADDRESS

M.W. Grand Master, Distinguished Brethren and Brethren all:

It is a very happy occasion for me to have the privilege today to bring to you greetings from your sister Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan. On behalf of Seventeen thousand Masons belonging to our organization I bring greetings to your Communication on this occasion, and trust that Alberta Masonry throughout the year will be most successful, prosperous and harmonious. I bring you that message from the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan. I was asked if I was going to make a political speech today. I am sorry I cannot do it now. I am very happy to be here and enjoyed the Grand Master's report this morning. I was very happy indeed to hear the comments he made on our Province. We have some 207 lodges in the Province of Saskatchewan of which 182 are situated in the smaller towns, throughout the Province. I was very happy indeed to hear the Grand Master's remarks about the smaller lodges in Alberta. In the smaller towns we do not have the number of organizations that we do in our cities. By the way I am a small town Mason myself in a town of some 800 and belong to a small lodge myself. We do not have the organizations in these localities that they have in the cities and in the smaller communities throughout Western Canada there is a place for this great organization. I have always felt and I do still feel that Masonry in a small community — you can aptly say — is the heart and pulse of your community. Gentlemen it is rightly so. Use it rightly so and that is what Masonry is.

Now I could not come to Alberta without saying something about our youth program in Saskatchewan. We are very proud of it. We have worked hard at it. We have worked at it for many years. We in Saskatchewan, of course, feel that we are doing very valuable work for the Province. Last year we had in the Province of Saskatchewan some 100 youth nights and various activities. We are very proud of the interest we are taking in youth. We are giving Masonry to our young men because we feel that Masons make outstanding citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan. We feel that we can teach youth something in citizenship and of course in friendship and everything else Masonry has. We had an arduous year last year, with the rally in Regina at which we had John Fisher. It rained for six days before the rally, still we had almost 4,000 of the youth from the Masons of Saskatchewan who came to Regina to that rally. There was one carload from the Province of Alberta which we were pleased to have.

Now I wish to say how happy I am to be with you. It has been a real pleasure throughout those last three, four or five years in which I have been coming along in the Grand Lodge Offices in Saskatchewan. I have had the privilege of meeting your Grand Lodge officers and a great number of the Masons from the Province of Al-

berta. This next week my term of office will be finished but I feel I will still carry on with this great work. I want to take this opportunity of thanking the Masons of Alberta throughout the past years and on this occasion also for the many kindnesses they have shown me. I wish you M.W. Sir a very successful year and also to your successor, M.W. Harry Howard every success. I will be very happy next week to have M.W. Brother Howard with us in the Province of Saskatchewan.

REPORT OF THE GRAND LIBRARIAN

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Alberta A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:

I beg to present herewith my Annual Report as Grand Librarian.

Receipt of copies of the Proceedings from Grand Lodges with whom we are in fraternal communication, is hereby acknowledged.

Where two copies have been received, one has been sent to the Reviewer, and one placed in the Grand Lodge Library.

No nw books have been purchased this year.

The following books have been donated by R.W. Brother D. D. Penman (91) Edmonton.

"Quinti"—Horace Flacci in Latin; "Ciceronis"—In L. Catilinam in Latin; "Luciani"— In Greek; "Xenophontis"—In Greek and from the Grand Lodge of Maryland:

"History of the Grand Lodge of Maryland" 2 vols. 1888-1950. These books are hereby gratefully acknowledged and placed in the Grand Lodge Library.

An increasing number of Brethren are using the Library, and a considerable number of books have been loaned. The usual difficulties of having these books returned has been encountered, and steps are being taken to recover those outstanding.

Our thanks are due for the many Bulletins, pamphlets, etc. received from other Jurisdictions.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

GEORGE MOORE,
Grand Librarian.

RESOLVED on Motion of M.W. Bro. George Moore (23), seconded by R.W. Bro. A. J. Davis (23) that the Report of the Grand Librarian be received and referred to the Committe on Research and Education.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES

To the M.W. Grand Master, Officers, and Members of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

A meeting of the Board of General Purposes was held in the Masonic Temple, Calgary, on Thursday, June 14, 1951, immediately following the close of the Grand Lodge Communication with R.W. Brother H. E. Roward in the chair.

The Chairman of the several committees were elected, and the personnel left to the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary, in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution. The Board then adjourned, to meet in the City of Edmonton on Tuesday, June 10, 1952.

The Board assembled on June 10, 1952, and the several reports of the following standing committees were considered and referred to this Communication for consideration and approval: Jurisprudence; Grievances and Appeals; Condition of Masonry; Charters and New Lodges; Finance; Fraternal Relations and Foreign Correspondence.

Business Arising out of Last Year's Minutes

Letters have been received from Concord Lodge No. 124 and Ashlar Lodge No. 28, protesting the change in the Charge of the E. A. Degree. This mater was referred to the custodians of the work and they were requested to consider the matter and make a report at the 1952 meeting. M.W. Brother John Martland presented the result of the deliberation of the committee to the Board, and recommended as follows:

That the deletions recommended last year remain, and the following substituted:

'And above all, never losing sight of the allegiance due to the Sovereign of this nation, ever remembering the obligation of loyalty which you owe to our Queen and Country."

Considerable discussion ensued, and on motion this change was approved and is now referred to this Grand Lodge for final approval and ratification.

Safety Deposit Box

In the report of the Finance Committee, 1951, the Finance Committee drew attention to the existing provisions of the Constitution which authorize the Grand Treasurer to be the sole custodian of the bonds, monies and funds of Grand Lodge, and which give him sole access to the safety deposit box. The Committee had felt for some time that in the event of ill health or some disability which prevented the Grand Treasurer from carrying out his duties, the Grand Lodge would thus be very considerably inconvenienced. With this in mind, the Committee has brought forward the following amendment to the Constitution, to be known as Section 61A, which reads as follows:

"The Grand Master, Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, Chairman of the Finance Committee and the President of the Board of Benevolences, or any two thereof, shall have access to the safety deposit vault for the purpose of carrying on the financial business of the Grand Lodge; to remove or deposit bonds or securities authorized by the Finance Committee for sale or exchange or for any other authorized purpose. The bank shall be notified each year following Grand Lodge of the names of those so authorized."

Much discussion ensued on this proposed change to the Constitution, and it was the sense of the majority of the members present that the matter should be referred back to the committee for further consideration and report in 1953. This proposed amendment is respectfully drawn to the attention of Grand Lodge for their final decision.

Amendments to the Constitution

The amendments to the Constitution as printed on the notice calling Grand Lodge, and which has been sent to the Lodges, were discussed at some length, and will come before this body, together with the proposed amendment by the Finance Committee previously referred to, at a later period in the proceedings.

District No. 10

The Grand Master, M.W. Brother Empey, drew attention to the fact that with the addition of four new lodges in the City of Edmonton, most of which were in District No. 10, this district had become too big for efficient administration; on motion, it was recommended that the incoming Grand Master appoint a committee to consider the matter and report back to Grand Lodge in 1953.

Grand Secretary

The position of Grand Secretary having now become an appointment of the Board of General Purposes, subject to the approval of Grand Lodge, the present Secretary was on motion reappointed.

Rituals

The Grand Secretary drew attention to the fact that very little regard was accorded to the regulations pertaining to the return of Rituals and expressed his opinion that the records that he was making were somewhat futile. It was decided to leave the matter to his discretion, with a view to keeping control of the situation as much as possible.

Assistant Grand Secretary

The matter of the appointment of an Assistant Grand Secretary was considered, and it was reported that the first appointment in this connection had not turned out to be satisfactory. No further

action has been taken at the moment, and no further action is at present contemplated.

The 50th Aniversary of the Grand Lodge of Alberta falls due in October 1955, and your Committee recommends that the Finance Committee set aside a sum of money each year towards the expenses of that event.

Some discussion took place regarding the time of meeting, and it was resolved that the meeting to be held in Calgary prior to the Grand Lodge Communication in 1953 would commence at the hour of two o'clock p.m.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

HARRY E. HOWARD,
Chairman.

RESOLVED on Motion of R.W. Bro. Harry E. Howard, seconded by M.W. Bro. Wm. Ireland, That the Report of the Board of General Purposes be received and adopted.

The Grand Master interrupted the reading of the report of the Board of General Purposes to make following announcement:

The Grand Master: Brethren, the poll is now closed, it is four o'clock. The members of the Board of Scrutineers, please retire. The report of the Board of General Purposes was resumed by R.W. Bro. Howard.

The Grand Master: You have heard a very comprehensive report. There is a good deal of information in it. It has been moved and seconded that it be printed in the proceedings. Is there any discussion?

M.W. Bro Howard: I think Brethren should know this, that in passing this report they should have regard to some of the items in it and we should consider that they are passed if this report is adopted because that is what the Board of General Purposes is for.

Rt. W. Bro. Hamilton: I would like to ask a question in connection with the change of time for holding Grand Lodge. Does that mean Grand Lodge will convene for two and a half instead of two days?

R.W. Bro. Howard: Two o'clock on the afternoon of the day before instead of ten o'clock in the morning.

R.W. Bro. Thomas: With regard to the rituals in circulation. Is there no way we can control the circulation of those rituals? To my way of thinking they are becoming like a 10 cent novel. In thinking back over the years I remember the time twenty years ago when there would be only about three rituals in the Lodge. That would be for the three officers. Today you can see all kinds of them. I was wondering if there was not some way they could be controlled.

Grand Secretary: As I pointed out, this Grand body authorized

that the five principal officers of the Lodge are entitled to the ritual, that is the Master, two Wardens and Deacons. Our Lodges in this jurisdiction availed themselves of this provision and have ordered the five. I get receipts for them and they are entered in the ledger. At the end of the year the rituals simply disappear and the secretary says he does not know who has got them. He cannot tell where his present rituals are. Now when I politely wrote to one secretary and asked him about the rituals he replied and said it is none of your business — we paid for them and they are ours and we do not see what it has to do with you. That is one type of answer. There is another one who wrote to me recently. He is very decent fellow. He said we need six new rituals for the instruction of the candidates. Should I get them from you or buy them from the local book store. I agree that something should be done but when the honor of a Mason is given on a printed document to which he signed his name and is then forgotten then I have no respect for that individual as a Mason. They are not all alike. Many of our lodges do control their rituals. I know of one lodge where you would get a charge laid against you if you showed your ritual or let it be known you have it. Some lodges do not care. The elaborate bookkeeping system in my office is rendered null and void and frustrated by the non-cooperation of the lodges. There is nothing I can do about it as long as you fellows have authorized me to issue them. I have no authority to refuse them. I have refused them when they have been lost within two months as happened recently.

R.W. Bro. Thomas: I had in mind the case of a Brother who was delegated to take part in degree work and he asked if he could get a ritual so he could memorize that work. I told him he could do so and the next time I saw him he had been to Calgary and bought a copy in a store.

R.W. Bro. Marcellus: I do not know whether the constitution should be amended to read that no officer be installed in his office until he turns his ritual in. I think probably that would solve some of it.

Grand Secretary: I hope it is understood that the change in the entered apprentice degree as set out is now approved.

V.W. Bro. M. Brodie: The Vice Consul who lives in this country and owns property and who is the representative of his country, he may not be received into Free Masonry, am I right?

R.W. Bro. John B. Ferguson: Before you answer that. I think you are right. There is an allegiance, of course, on the part of every subject of Her Majesty. Even visitors are called upon to give temporary allegiance to the Sovereign of this country.

ADDRESS

M.W. Bro. Charles C. Cohagen, Grand Master of Montana: Distinguished East, Brethren. I have learned a number of things. I listened with considerable interest to what M.W. Bro. Wm. Ireland had to say and he talked about the difficulty of understanding some

letters written in a foreign language. I think I can give a good illustration. I believe I gave it at Banff last fall. We were down in Mexico a while back and we were getting rather tired of the menu we were getting. I thought it was time to get a good steak. I could not think of the proper word for steak. I knew too little of the language to express myself fluently but like John Martland I am an architect and I have prided myself on my ability to draw so I turned over the menu and on the back drew a picture of a cow. The waiter said "Si Si" and picked it up and a short time later he came back with two tickets to a Mexican bull fight.

I wish to thank this Grand Lodge for the flowers I found in my room this noon and express the thanks of Mrs. Cohagen. Having been a past patron of the Eastern Star I know the ladies like the flowers. Today I would like to tell of something that happened. Some of these stories may have to be taken with a little good judgment. Sometime back I got a letter from a man who had been an immigrant to our country, a very capable man. That man had written a simple formula. E equals M C square. Now that formula may be known to some of you. It has made and is making world history. Not so long ago I got a letter from that same man, now an American citizen, and in it he told of the terrible ravishes possible by atomic energy and he was appealing to people to stop this destruction. The man who sent that was Albert Einstein. He was a man who had created a Frankenstein and was wondering how he was going to stop it. It so happened this citizen of ours is not a Mason. I feel perhaps he has missed the point of the power of Masonry. Masons do not join as a group in any one particular enterprise because we have been taught to think. We never join one political candidate or go against another political candidate. There are a number of organizations which feel the same way, that the individual man is the thing. I am afraid perhaps our noted scientist Albert Einstein, being born in another country where the sovereignty of the individual is not placed over the sovereignty of state, has failed to realize how the minds of the Canadians and those in the United States have acted. We rebel in the United States against those organizations which are controlled minorities, which through pressure groups have succeeded is passing legislation permitting graft and calling all kinds of strikes. Some of it has spread to this country. It is a growing tendency which is pernicious. It is tendency which I think Masons all over America — the 4,000,000 of them, need to do some sober thinking about. It is something that requires our own action, not that of a group, not that of a lodge or grand lodge. But individual action, where each of us feels our own — his own — responsibility. Only he can decide to either go to the polls or discuss these things with his neighbor and try, by logic, to win over the support of that which is sound and rational in this North American continent.

In our first degree of course we are taught the freedom of the heart, we are taught faith, we express it, we are told where it will lead us. In the second degree we are taught the value of intellect, the value of study, the value of really thinking. We progress rather well until we get part way through our third degree and pat ourselves on the back perhaps that we are about to learn all there is

to Masonry and then we meet three fellows who do not treat us too kindly. The first one would have attacked our freedom of speech, the second the freedom of the heart. We survived those two things but when the third one attacked our mind it put us under. If it had not been for the helping hand of the Master we would not be resurrected. The most important thing today is this business of thinking about thinking. Let us give it our earnest attention because there are too many people today who would warp our opinions with well calculated propaganda to dull our senses of awareness of what is going on everywhere. This fall throughout the United States in the 49 jurisdictions we will celebrate the making of George Washington as a Mason. On November 8th of this year, which will be election day, we will celebrate the 200th anniversary of his being a Mason. I believe one of the most significant things he said in his first inaugural address is something to take to heart. "May the foundations of our nation's policy be laid by the power of the immutable principles of private morality."

If you read the paper at all you will have seen that across the border in some high places they have slipped. Not exactly news to you. I am having to tell you that with the exception of two people no one on whom the finger of the mark of Cain rested ever knelt at that alter. With the exception of one man every man who has persisted in defying the threats of the demagogues and who has been responsible for revealing these misdeeds has knelt at the altar. Brethren, those found wanting never knelt at the altar and those responsible for putting Masonry above themselves did kneel at that altar. It makes me feel happy that I am a Mason and I am delighted when I come across the border as I have done on various occasions. I intend to spend a little more than a week here. I am delighted to find always the same high spirit of Masonry and I notice from the faces of these past grand masters and these brethren who have served as the deputy grand master they have grown mellow and old in the harness and yet ever new in Masonry. I trust in our own jurisdiction as in yours that everyone will be like Eleazar who was a captain in King David's army, who fought so strongly for his King and his God that at the end of the day after the army of David had prevailed and Eleazar attempted to lay down his sword to rest he found he had been so fervent in the matter of having fought for his God that his hand was tightly pressed into the sword and he could not let go. Brethren, may we always be like Eleazar and continue to fight now and forever for Masonry.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir & Brother:

Your Board of Benevolence begs to submit the following report on its operations during the Masonic Year 1951-1952:

The Grants to Beneficiaries amount in all to	$8,435.97
Sundry Grants amount to	962.02
Total	$9,398.99
Contribution from lodges during the year amount to	180.00
Making a total amount disbursed by your Board for the year	$9,218.99

Assistance was given to widows of brethren to the number of 34 and to Masonic brethren to the number of 18, while the education of one child of a brother was provided for; otherwise the grants made were those of a compassionate nature to members of their families, or to institutions on their behalf.

During the year only one beneficiary was dropped as a result of the Dominion Government Old Age Security Grant.

One Brother has been placed in the Provincial Home at Youngstown for aged people and he has expressed himself as being well satisfied with the care which he is receiving.

Where your Board deemed it essential an increase in grant was made to meet increased cost of living.

Applications have been received by your Board from some lodges asking for contributions towards funeral expenses which in the opinion of your Board were unwarranted as to the amount, in view of the fact that there was apparently very little money available to meet the expenditure. While the Board realizes that subordinate lodges have on occasions rendered aid on short notice, consideration should be carefully given as to the amount of relief which the circumstances call for. The Board has at all times contributed to the extent which the Board considered the circumstances warranted. The Benevolent Fund was established for the purpose of taking care of the needy brethren, their widows and families and this must necessarily be the Board's first consideration.

Your Board wishes to express its appreciation for services rendered during the year by:

R.W. Bro. J. W. Shuttlewood, Vancouver Masonic Service Bureau, Vancouver, British Columbia.

Bro. H. G. Bradley, Norwood Lodge No. 90, Edmonton, Alberta.

R.W. Bro. Frank W. Parry, Southampton, England.

The Board has been greatly assisted in its work by the courtesy and attention given to the work of the Board by its Secretary M.W. Bro. George Moore.

Respectfully and Fraternally submitted,

John J. Petrie, Chairman,
Board of Benevolent Fund.

RESOLVED on Motion of R.W. Bro. J. J. Petrie (28), seconded by R.W. Bro. A. J. Davis (23) That the Report of the Board of Benevolence be received and adopted.

BENEFICIARIES OF GRAND LODGE

May 1st, 1951 — April 30th, 1952

Beneficiary	Amount	Beneficiary	Amount
Mrs. H. A.	$180.00	Mrs. A. L.	$209.00
Bro. J. B.	60.00	Mrs. M. L.	100.00
Mrs. E. A. B.	300.00	M.W. Bro. S. H. M.	600.00
Britannia Lodge No. 18	15.00	Mrs. P. M.	60.00
Mrs. C. B.	180.00	Mrs. N. M.	60.00
Mrs. J. W. B.	120.00	Mrs. G. B. M.	75.00
Mrs. G. C.	160.00	M.W. Bro. J. T. McD	200.00
Mrs. T. P. C.	90.00	V.W. Bro. E. M. McC	60.00
Mrs. M. M. C.	180.00	Mrs. D. McI	60.00
Mrs. B. C. C.	180.00	Mrs. B. N.	272.00
Mrs. W. T. C.	300.00	Mrs. G. N.	90.00
Mrs. A B. C.	123.97	R.W. Bro. H. O. P.	20.00
V.W. Bro. W. R. D.	90.00	Mrs. W. P.	240.00
Bro. S. E. E.	12000	Mrs. S. H. P.	120.00
Mrs M. M. F.	125.00	Bro. R. J. R.	20.00
Bro. A. M. F	60.00	Bro. R. C. R.	150.00
Bro. J. F.	360.00	Mrs. L. R.	240.00
Mrs. W. A. G.	125.00	R.W. Bro. H. S.	120.00
Mrs. J. G.	160.00	Mrs. N. G. S.	200.00
Mrs. R. G.	30.00	Bro. C. O. P.	360.00
R.W. Bro. W. G. G.	127.00	Mrs. H. S.	280.00
W. Bro. W. J. H.	480.00	Bro. T. T.	215.00
Mrs. J. G. H.	60.00	Mrs. W. J. T.	240.00
Bro. T. H.	120.00	Van. Masonic Bureau	25.00
Bro. G. T. J.	120.00	Mrs. L. V. V.	120.00
Mrs. M. K.	180.00	Mrs. W. W.	90.00
Mrs. W. B. K.	70.00	Mrs. W. W.	120.00
W. Bro. R. K.	55.00		

Total Grants to Beneficiaries		$ 8,516.97
Sundry Grants	$ 962.02	
Trns. Ben. Fund	860.80	
Bonds Purchased	9,054.48	10,877.30
		$19,394.27
Less Refunds		180.00
		$19,214.27

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

To the M.W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence beg to report that, in accordance with the instructions of Grand Lodge, we have reviewed the official acts of the Grand Master, and approve the same.

There have been no rulings made by the Grand Master during his year, neither has there been any cases of Un-Masonic conduct arise. We have re-viewed his Dispensations and find them all but one to be of regular, routine type. The one Dispensation that was not of regular type was the one granted by our Grand Master to Hanna Lodge No. 78, G.R.A. in the case of a young man born and raised in Hanna, Alberta who has been regularly balloted upon and accepted by Hanna Lodge No. 78 and who having received a sudden call immediately thereafter to a very responsible position in Texas, U.S.A. caused Hanna Lodge No. 78 to request permission of the Grand Master to confer the three degrees of Masonry within the statutory time limit. Upon the assurance of Hanna Lodge No. 78 that the candidate would be properly instructed in and be also required to pass the necessary examination of each degree, the Grand Master issued the Dispensation. We concur with him in this act.

We are pleased to report that throughout this Grand Jurisdiction harmony and good fellowship has prevailed during the past year.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

LeRoy W. Bond,
Chairman.

RESOLVED on Motion of M.W. Bro. LeRoy W. Bond (137), seconded by M.W. Bro. W. A. Henry (10) That the Report of the Committee on Jursprudence be received and adopted.

REPORT ON WESTERN CONFERENCE

The Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir:

It is with pleasure I accede to your request that I render to this Grand Lodge a short report covering the eleventh annual conference of the four Western Jurisdictions held in Banff, September 5th, 6th and 7th, 1951.

The conference sessions were again convened in the beautiful Lodge room of our Cascade Lodge No. 5, who have over the past years extended their Masonic hospitality in a most gracious manner,

All member Grand Lodges were represented by strong and enthusiastic delegations, three members from Manitoba, four from Saskatchewan, five from British Columbia and seven from our own Grand Jurisdiction excluding myself.

Distinguished visitors from the Border Jurisdictions in the United States numbered seven. The Grand Master and Grand Secretary of

the Grand Lodge of North Dakota. The Grand Master and Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Montana. The Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Washington. The Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Iowa. The Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Idaho.

The last two years we have held our opening meeting on the evening of the first day under what we term the Fraternal Hour, with a special speaker, whose message creates an atmosphere of Masonic dignity and inspiration which pervades all of our sessions to the concluding prayer.

Last year our President, M.W. Bro. Morgan of British Columbia, prevailed upon our own M.W. Bro. H. B. Macdonald to accept this assignment who handled his subject in a most masterly manner and to the delight and enjoyment of his audience and I strongly recommend that all Lodges during the coming year take time out to have this address read and discussed in open Lodge. The same applies to all the other papers in our conference proper for all have a bearing on our present day Masonic problems, not only from a Grand Lodge standpoint but more especially are they applicable to our constituent Lodges.

The firm agenda for our twelfth annual meeting in Banff, September 4th, 5th and 6th, 1952 are now in the hands of all delegates and I am happy to announce that we have been fortunate in procuring the services of M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas, P.G.M. of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba to give the address at our Fraternal Hour.

Our President, M.W. Bro. Fred. Blythe of Manitoba and our Vice President, Rt. W. Bro. Harry Howard are working extremely hard to make our forthcoming Conference an outstanding success and I have no doubt they will be highly successful for as the years roll by it is the consensus of opinion our meetings are creating a more intense desire in the hearts of our Brethren who attend to rededicate themselves in the service of Freemasonry in general and a devotion to humanity in all phases of life.

Fraternally submitted,

Geo. F. ELLIS,
Conference Secretary.

RESOLVED on Motion of M.W. Bro. George F. Ellis (124), seconded by R.W. Bro. Harry E. Howard (28) That the Report of the Committee on the Western Conference be received and adopted.

Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 4:45 p.m.

EVENING ENTERTAINMENT

A Banquet was held in the Masonic Temple at which some five hundred members were in attendance. Several musical selections were given and an enjoyable fraternal hour held.

Following the Banquet the Brethren adjourned to the Assembly

room to hear an Address by the Guest Speaker of the evening, R.W. Bro. Rev. John B. Hubbard, Past Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Illinois.

ADDRESS

R.W. Bro. the Rev. John B. Hubbard, P.G.C.

Rector, St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Park Ridge, Illinois, U.S.A.

Mr. Chairman, Worshipful Brethren, Distinguished Guests, and — if there be any just ordinary Masons like myself.

I expected only to be able to speak until nine tomorrow morning! My plane was to leave at 9:15, but I have been informed it was delayed taking off from Tokyo so I do not need to leave until two in the afternoon. Seriously speaking, I would like to express my very real, deep and abiding appreciation for the privilege of meeting with you today. It has been a real treat. How beautiful it is for brethren to dwell together in unity, and especially so when we come from different lands. There are so many causes for thanksgiving. We take much for granted. One Sunday last summer, at the time of the announcements and after the choir had sung an unusually beautiful anthem, I urged the people to thank God for the Ministry of music. What would our churches be without it? We have just had a demonstration of the ministry of music by Mr. Jones. Mr. Jones can join my choir any time. We have choir practice at eight o'clock on Thursday nights. In these days of dreary tunes, it is a pleasure to hear a man get up and sing something that sounds like something. Incidentally, there is one thing about the radio — you can turn it off. That is one advantage you brethren do not have this evening.

I called on my doctor some time ago and he said, "Did I ever tell you about the bishop at the Confirmation service?" I replied, "I have heard a lot of stories, but what is this one?" (I hope there are no bishops here). The doctor went on to say that the bishop, instead of preaching on the usual theme of Confirmation, took his ecclesiastical hair down and gave full vent of his feelings. Every clergyman has to let go once in a while. John Timothy Stone got up in the Fourth Presbyterian Church in Chicago one Sunday at Easter, with the usual large attendance, and said, "My, what a fine group of hypocrities we have here!" Well, the bishop talked about the Alter Guild, the financial condition, the physical plant and even the sidesmen. After it was over, the rector said he had anticipated the bishop would talk on Confirmation, but since the bishop had elected to speak on another theme, he would say a few words about it himself. So the rector went on to say, "Boys and girls, it is a very wonderful and inspiring thing to be confirmed. It is a very beautiful time in your lives. However, I want to add that just because you have been confirmed, it does not imply that you cannot go to hell, because you can. Even your parents can go to hell. Even I can go to hell, and as for the bishop . . . !"

There is a mystic fellowship, something truly contagious about this Masonic fraternity, which I have been experiencing since 1923,

and which continually warms my heart. As I sat here this morning and Brother Cohagen presented the flag, I became a little bit emotional. I am a foreigner in your country, but the geniality you displayed warms the cockles of my heart. I shall always have a wonderful memory of this fellowship. Several years ago, I came to Calgary and drove west through the wondrous beauty of the Canadian Rockies to Vancouver and Victoria. These memories are indelibly imprinted on the mind of my wife, my son and myself. We felt it was an inspiration. There is the inspiration of fellowship, which is intangible but is the most real thing in the world. A fellow can be suffering from frustration and despondency, but if he can get into a Masonic fellowship, it will do him more good than all the pink pills in the world.

I want to talk to you tonight about "Masons Plus." We know a great deal about the human body, the brain, the spinal cord and neurological impulses. Most scientists are making a good contribution to our knowledge of the human body. We are understanding better human relationships. But in spite of our knowledge of man, we still seem to be in a confused condition as to what constitutes a man. We have not yet solved the problem of living together. It is our major problem. The Church and Masonic fraternity have the only answer. It is not enough to be just a man and a Mason. We have to be a "Plus Man". In World War I, when the enemy was 28 miles from Paris; in World War II, when the black arrows kept marching across the map and we wondered if they would ever stop, it was the "Plus Men" who saved the day. We are just beginning to realize how close we came to losing. We can lose yet! There is no guarantee from Almighty God that Canada can be preserved indefinitely, or the United States. There has been placed on our shoulders a responsibility that cannot be surpassed; a responsibility of literally saving a civilization which has been built up by blood, sweat and tears. It takes "plus men" to do that. The West was built by "plus men". To go on doing as well as the next fellow is not enough. We let a lot of grass grow under our feet before we have finally awakened to the challenge. We need to think together for a few moments as to what constitutes a man. If we get men activated to be "plus men" it will solve our problems, but it will not be easy.

What is man? A biped, a bit of protoplasm, crawling around on the crust of the earth for a brief span? Is a man fodder for the state? Stalin thinks so. He thinks men exist solely to please a few dictators at the top. Tito said a few years ago that the masses are like the grey sea, existing only to serve the oligarchy. What is a man, anyway? In the days of ancient Israel, it was the tribe that came first. If a man violated the rules, it was the tribe that was punished. But we moved on from that to emphasize the importance of the individual. The decision had to be made, whether to serve the agricultural god Baal or serve Jehovah. This decision put the responsibility of choice on the individual man. Out of that individuality came a new conception of the importance of the individual and from that the dawn of the idea of immortality, which we do not find strongly stressed in the pages of the Old Testament.

Sometimes we make reference to some individual and say, "What a man!" What do we mean when we say, "What a man!"? — a Beau Brummel, a social lion, a man who slays the ladies? What do we mean by "What a man!"? Sometimes a man is presented with a son and we say, "What a man!" and if he has two sons we say, "What a, what a man!"

I am reminded of the story of the man who was presented with triplets. The office staff felt that such a momentous event merited due recognition. A loving cup was presented to him with a great deal of fanfare. Holding it in his trembling hands, he timorously asked, "Is this mine now or do I have to win it three times in succession?"

I do not know anything a man deserves less credit for than being a father. I do not want to deflate anybody but that is the truth of it. Being a good father after the child arrives is quite a different matter. I am now a grandfather and the beauty of babyhood is re-emphasized in my mind. I look at little Heather, my granddaughter, and think, "How in the world can anyone look in the face of a baby and not believe in Almighty God?" Let us give God the glory. He is the creator of that most wonderful thing, human personality. It is the most precious thing we know anything about. Now we can assert that a man is a child of God and an inheritor of the Kingdom of heaven.

A "plus man" is this and more. There are certain earmarks which seem to me to be characteristic of a "plus man". A "plus man" has to belong. This is a thrilling platitude when you stop to analyze it. There are people who do not want to belong to anything. They seek to avoid responsibility. They lose the joy of achievement. A Mason is a man who belongs.

In the second place, he is a man who has been vouched for. He is a man with such a reputation that three other brothers are willing to O.K. him by signing their names on a piece of paper. A plus man is a man who is vouched for; a man whose word is as good as his bond. Canada has been built up by men like that and so have the great nations of the world. If men of that type are not replaced by a new generation of plus men, the dark ages are upon us again. I see signs of moral erosion. I see cracks in the foundations of our way of life. While we have always viewed with alarm the activities of youth, let us remember we have records of Roman fathers wanting to know what the younger generation was coming to. It is not only the younger generation, however, but people of all ages who are falling by the wayside. We are not as sensitive to moral values as we used to be. It is too bad that in our lodges in the States we do not have better attendance than ten per cent. The investment is a billion dollars. I hope you do better in Canada.

A plus man is one who is dedicated — dedicated by members of his fraternity. A man to his own self must be true. If he is not, he will be false to every man. The world today has seen too much equivocation. The nations that make the best contribu-

tion are those who make a treaty and stick to it. We are meeting with people today and have been for some years for whom a treaty is nothing but an opportunity to commit a further act of unfaithfulness.

A plus man is continually being trained. He is going to Masonic schools of instruction. He is being trained in the continual application of fraternal principles. Some join and go through their initiation rights and stop. You cannot stock up enough data and inspiration to last you the rest of your life. There must be a daily infilling. The more we stay away, the more we lose; the more we come, the more we gain; the more we gain, the more we have to give away. We must not be like the Dead Sea with nothing flowing out. It must be passed on, if the water of our life is to be kept clear. We have to train others. Where would you be today if somebody had not trained you? We must continually be in training and training others.

After my recent flight to address the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, I read an article in the encyclopedia about aviation. I was intrigued by the fact that the pitch of the wing has to be just right to produce the desired results. At an angle of sixteen degrees or more there will be a disturbance of the air behind the wing called "burbles", and the plane will crash. If the tilt is ten degrees, it will work satisfactorily. If the wing is perfectly level, avoiding all resistance, the results will be disastrous. There are many people who try to go through life following the path of least resistance, not wanting to bother to train others; not willing to give out for the welfare of their neighbors. They also crack up. There are people who say, "I am going to bend a little bit." And there are people that try to go through life with no lift and no pull, but they crash. The lamentable thing is other people crash with them. A plus man is a man who is willing to stand up and be counted, who is willing to give a lift to his fellows. If a man stands up on his own two legs and says what he believes, I say to him, "My hat is off to you." We have been trained that way. We need men who are willing to stand up and be counted. So we should continually be broadcasting the treasure that Masonry has to give; the precious vital thing that has been proved by centuries of lasting brotherhood!

When I flew down to New Orleans on a Constellation, which was my first long trip by air, there was a man on the plane with a handle-bar mustache. He was Jerry Colona. When I arrived I was told there was a blonde on the plane and I was asked who she was. That was Mrs. Vogeler. I have been inspired by that incident and in despair because the United States took so long to secure Mr. Vogeler's release. If it had been in Teddy Roosevelt's time, and if he had had only a canoe, a row boat and two destroyers, he would have fared forth to the rescue. An American citizen does not seem to be safe any more, once he gets out of the United States. Mr. Vogeler symbolizes to me that willingness to stand up and be counted. The only time he made a "confession" was when he did not know what he was doing. We need people who are willing to stand up and be counted. It takes a plus man to do that.

Twenty-five years ago, fathers were pointing out to their sons eight prominent financiers as shining examples of success. Twenty-five years later, every one of those men had died in ignominy as a result of moral shortcomings. These men had everything and thought that they knew everything. They did know a great deal, but one thing they did not know — how to live.

In the last place, a plus man has a triumphant faith nothing can kill. He will hang on with the spirit that Britain showed in the blitz of 1940. It is the spirit that saved civilization. It is the spirit that I saw exemplified by the statue of a young man in our national cathedral in Washington. As I stood there admiring the work of the sculptor who had depicted in stone the flower of American youth, I was inspired by his work and my curiosity was aroused. I noted that the name of the youth was Norman Price, which name meant nothing to me. Looking beneath the statue, I read the inscription, and then I understood. My eyes fell upon these words: "Norman Price, Founder of the Escadrille LaFayette." He led the way where the nations followed. This young man was inspired by a love of God and country, which sent him out to the scene of action far ahead of a lumbering Congress and a lethargic citizenry. The people of the United States did not realize that their house was on fire. He saw the need and gave his life in an attempt to answer it. He was killed in action. Now he is carved in stone to remind us what it means to live as a plus man. All those who know about him will be inspired by him.

Millions of years ago, there was a tremendous upheaval on this continent when the great range known as the Rocky Mountains erupted in your country and in mine. The inspiring beauty of these snow-capped peaks has been admired by people from all over the world. We might say that this great stone ridge which binds our two countries together symbolizes the spirit of faith, love and brotherhood which has bound our two countries together by the ties of friendship over many years and which has made the fortification of our boundary lines unnecessary. Would to God that other nations in the world might do the same! Working toward this end, at home and abroad, within the Lodge and without, is the task confronting the plus Mason.

God bless you brethren. Thank you for your courtesy and your hospitality. May your success far exceed your anticipation.

(At the conclusion of the Address prolonged applause was given the speaker.)

SECOND DAY — (Morning Session)

Labor was resumed at 9:15 a.m.

REPORT OF THE CUSTODIANS OF THE WORK

During the past year the only matter referred to the Custodians of the Work was a protest letter from Ashlar Lodge No. 28 and from Concord Lodge No. 124, with reference to the deletion, two years ago, of certain passages in the Charge to the Entered Apprentice.

Your Committee has now thoroughly considered the matter and beg to substitute the following:

> "And above all never losing sight of the allegiance due to the Sovereign of this Nation, ever remembering the obligation of loyalty which you owe to our Queen and country."

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN MARTLAND,
Chairman of the Custodians of the Work.

On Motion this was adopted and the Grand Secretary instructed to have same printed and incorporated in the Entered Apprentice Charge in the next reprint of the Constitution, all Canadian Rite Lodges to be advised as soon as possible.

REPORT ON MASONIC RESEARCH AND EDUCATION

To the M.W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:

At the last Annual Communication, held in Calgary, the Brethren were informed by R.W. the Grand Secretary that the Grand Master would make an appeal through the medium of the Bulletin, inviting Brethren who were willing to act on a Panel of Speakers and visit lodges within a reasonable distance of their homes, and address the Brethren on some Masonic subject which would be of interest to them. As there was little or no response to this appeal, it would seem those capable of preparing and delivering such Addresses were not able to spare the time necessary for such an effort. While our first reaction to this may be disappointment, nevertheless, each lodge could do something to assist its own members. In order to stimulate a desire for Masonic Research it would be well if the Worshipful Master would encourage the Brethren to ask questions in lodge regarding its symbolisms and the ritual. In many cases such questions could be answered by some well-skilled Brother in the lodge, which could lead to a very interesting discussion. When a satisfactory explanation could not be readily given, one of the

Brethren should be selected to look into the subject from one of the books in the lodge library, and if the lodge has no set of books, or they are not readily available, to arrange through the secretary to borrow from the Grand Librarian, and thus bring the explanation at some future meeting.

By this suggested method we should have an enlightened and intelligent membership of the Craft, leading every Brother to feel proud to know Freemasonry is not a Service Club or a Benevolent Society, but a highly intellectual and spiritual Order, founded on the purest principles of piety and virtue.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

MALCOLM J. BRODIE,
Chairman.

RESOLVED, on motion of V.W. Bro. M. J. Brodie (63) and seconded by R.W. Bro. Fred Whitfield (7), "That the Report of the Committee on Masonic Research and Education be received and adopted."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE CONDITION OF MASONRY

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Alberta A.F. & A. M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:

It is with a feeling of gratification that your Committee on the Condition of Masonry reports that during the year progress has been made in all branches of the work.

The District Deputy Grand Masters have, judging by their Reports, in almost all cases, performed their duties faithfully and well. At this point we would emphasize the very great importance of this Office, because the District Deputy should be the eyes and ears of the Grand Master, aiming at high standards of work, advising as to the dignity of Freemasonry and urging the Brethren to practice outside of the Lodge the great moral and social virtues which are ever inculcated within it.

The District Secretaries are of great practical value to the D.D.G.M. and we recommend them for their labor of love.

MEMBERSHIP

There was a substantial net increase in membership during the year but this increase was not as great as last year. The following summary obtained from the Grand Secretary illustrates our membership change during the year:

Total at beginning	15,553 (corrected)
Additions	
Initiated	776

Affiliated	249
Reinstated	54
	1,079
Losses	
Dimitted	237
Suspended N.P.D.	119
Passed on	271
	627
Membership at December 31st, 1951	16,005

We are informed that during the year 1951 there was a decrease of 72 Initiates and an increase of 45 Affiliations and 6 more Reinstatements, indicating a net reduction in the additions of 21. Loss increases we are informed, include 8 Dimits, 39 more Suspensions and 39 more members passed on than was the case in 1950, making a total increase in the losses of 86.

In all, therefore, our net increase was less by 107 than the net increase during 1950.

The net increase of 452 during 1951 is still a healthy one and it speaks well of the attraction of good men to the fellowship of the Craft. At this point we would emphasize the need for our brethren to so act that the world may know that the Freemason is one to whom the burdened heart may pour forth its sorrow, to whom the distressed may perfer his suit, whose heart is expanded by benevolence and whose mind is strictly attuned to the need for service in the community in which he lives. When these virtues are practised we are sure that more and more good men will be attracted to the brotherhood.

Our Province is indeed in a happy condition, with the increased development of our seemingly unlimited resources in the farms, the oilfields and the mines, with a consequent increase in the population and in the wealth of the citizens. We should be ever alive to the influx of Freemasons from other Grand Lodges and prospective brethren who may be seeking the privilege of initiation, at the same time seeing to it that none but those who will contribute to the harmony of our respective Lodges should be admitted.

WORK

The reports all seem to express satisfaction with the general ritualistic work. In remarkably few cases is there any indication of the inability of the Master to properly confer the Degree, but on the contrary there are many capable men conducting the Work with

zeal and assiduity. To them the Craft is indebted and we are sure they have a feeling of having accomplished something worthwhile. It must be the constant aim to see that competent Officers are appointed because their skill attracts attendance and the candidates should be so impressed with their initiation that they want to come back to see it again. We should remember that it has been the custom from time immemorial for each Lodge once in every year, at a stated period, to select from those who have served in the Office of Wardens, **AN EXPERT CRAFTSMAN** to preside over them as **MASTER.**

The loss of our Royal Past Grand Master, His Majesty King George VI, on the 6th of February, 1952, was indeed a sad event and in compliance with an edict of the Grand Master, Lodges of Mourning were held throughout the Jurisdiction either in groups or separately and the reports of the D.D.G.Ms. emphasize the wonderful demonstrations of sympathy and loyalty.

In the month of September last the Earl of Derby, who is Deputy Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England, paid a visit to this country and made a request through the Grand Secretary for the privilege of visiting with some of our Grand Lodge Officers. It was our privilege to entertain him to lunch at the Ranchmens' Club, Calgary with a number of the Past Grand Masters from the southern part of the Jurisdiction, and this was enjoyed very much. His plans which were also to visit Edmonton were curtailed through his having to return to England to take part in the Elections.

During the year several Brethren were recipients of a Fifty Year Jewel and some were presented in very unique manner. One Brother who had just become a Mason, presented his father with a Fifty Year Jewel.

Once cannot help but express commendation to Medicine Hat Lodge No. 2 for their work on their Masonic Research Night. One of the D.D.G.Ms. expresses appreciation of the use of Music in the Degrees and with this your Committee is in hearty agreement. Many Special Nights are being held and these all make for increased attendance. Anniversary nights, like the one held at Spitzie Lodge No. 6 at Pincher Creek on the occasion of its 60th year of existence, help to create interest and are very commendable. It is noted also that in District No. 15 there is an annual District Bonspiel which is very much enjoyed. These evidences of interest are illustrations of what is meant when the installing Master says to the newly installed Worshipful Master, "The honor, reputation and usefulness of your Lodge will depend in large measure upon the **skill** and **ability** with which you manage its affairs, while the **happiness** of the Brethren will be generally promoted by **zeal** and **assiduity** with which you promulgate the genuine tenets and principles of the Craft.

The compilation of this Report is, of necessity, based on the reports of the D.D.G.Ms., both statistical and historical; therefore when a report is incomplete or is unnecessarily delayed, your Committee is embarrassed and frustrated in its work. When, as was the

case in one District, the D.D.G.M. fails to prepare and submit the Statistical Report on each Lodge and instead of using the forms sent to him for the purpose, uses some other stationery to write a mere sketch of a report, it not only fails to provide the necessary data but it indicates what would appear to be a lack or respect for the Office to which he was elected and approved.

ATTENDANCE

An analysis of the attendance data shows a great variety of results but there is one outstanding fact that attendance in the large urban centres is less in percentage of the resident Brethren than is the case in the smaller urban and rural Lodges. This points out the need for some of the large urban Lodges to divide up and start one or more daughter Lodges. In Edmonton this practice has been commenced and we hope that others will emulate their effort.

The average over-all percentage of attendance applied to resident members is 38.5 per cent when this is applied to Lodges with over 200 resident members, of which there are eight, the percentage of attendance is 29. When the totals for these larger Lodges are eliminated from the grand totals, we find that the percentage of attendance of the others with smaller membership is 40.8.

It is apparent from the Reports that Lodges which have interested and creative Worshipful Masters have a better attendance. Here, again, we would emphasize the remarks in the last paragraph of the section of this report under the heading of "Work".

An interesting item from the reports is the fact that the total of resident Brethren is 10,911 compared with the total membership at the end of 1951 of 16,005. Of the total non-resident Brethren there must be many who are resident in the Province and some of these undoubtedly attend Lodges where they reside. Here is an avenue of work which should be given some attention because such Brethren are potential members if made welcome and put on the mailing list, because many families and single Brethren are at a loss for friends and acquaintences when coming into a new locality and an act of kindness at such a time is never forgotten.

FINANCE

There is evidence in the Reports of the D.D.G.Ms. that generally the Lodges are in a very sound financial position. Here is a subject about which much can be said, but one phase should should be accentuated and that is the relation of sound finance to the happiness of the Brethren. Where there is no need of interminable discussions as to how the operations are to be financed there is removed one of the causes of acrimony and consequently should be avoided. Freemasonry is not a cheap institution and we should not balk at reasonable charges for initiation, affiliation, dues, etc. Too much, however, appears to be spent on functions which are for the gratification of the Brethren and the cost therefor (food and enter-

tainment) is taken out of the dues from which are payable the expense of operating the Lodge. In other words, the receipt for dues is practically a meal ticket. Sooner or later this phase should be considered viz. Should our food and entertainment be the subject of a sustaining charge.

If all of the Brethren turned out, particularly in urban centres, instead of an average of 30 per cent, many of our Lodges would become financially embarrassed, especially those whose dues are low and who are relying on a continuous supply of new Brethren.

In 1939 a summary of Lodge finances was made in this Committee's report and having made one from the 1951 reports, the following comparisons might be of interest.

Liquid assets (Cash and Bonds)	$ 291,498.00	$ 433,714.69
Fixed and other assets	324,975.00	557.656.26
	$ 616,473.00	$ 991,370.95
Liabilities	$ 75,480.00	$ 42,798.63
Net worth of Lodges	$ 540,993.00	$ 948,572.32

An interesting situation is apparent in the reduction in dues outstanding since 1938 from $34.539.00 at the end of the year to $21,167.00 at the end of 1951, although the membership has increased by approximately 50 per cent in the same period. In 1938 there was 28 per cent of the membership in arrears of dues, while in 1951 only 12.4 per cent thereof were in arrears. The average amount in arrears was $10.71.

While for the most part the automatic suspension provided in the Constitution, is being applied, there are still a few Lodges who ignore it and to these we would advise its immediate enforcement.

CHARITY

The total amount recorded as being disbursed by Lodges in excess of the amount paid by Grand Lodge, amounted to $14,245.00, or an average of approximately 90 cents per capita. Some Lodges do not record their charities and the foregoing figures are short to that extent, we congratulate the Lodges upon their efforts to exercise that priceless gift which should at all time be the distinguishing characteristic of a Mason's heart.

The Grand Lodge Board of Benevolence is always ready to give sympathic consideration to any case submitted to it.

NEW LODGES

During the first half of the year 1952 four new Lodges have been instituted in the Edmonton area and these have been sponsored by

the larger Lodges and are substantially composed of Brethren who had been in other jurisdictions and have become affiliated. It would be very gratifying if this good work would continue because without a doubt there are a number of Lodges which are getting too big and do not have the facilities of putting Brethren to work. Our Brethren in the United Grand Lodge of England are very consicous of the need for smaller Lodges and insist upon division so that the Brethren get to know each other better.

A Dispensation has been granted to St. George's, Elk Point, and two petitions have been received from Lac la Biche and Earl Haig at Barrhead, a sincere welcome is extended to the Brethren in these places.

GENERAL

Every year a number of Lodges are reported to be somewhat tardy in writing up records which are vital to their Masonic progress. It is very important that the Historical Register should be kept up to date, and to those Lodges who for various reasons have failed in this respect, we would recommend that they start now.

Everywhere we are confronted with disturbing news of world conditions and as thoughtful people we cannot help but be thankful to the Most High for the bounteous blessings he has vouchsafed to us in Canada with untold resources in minerals, oil, gas and agriculture. We should be ever alert to see that good men have an opportunity and that anyone with subversive ideas should be barred from admission.

It is gratifying to find an increasing interest in the Grand Lodge Bulletin, and to find that approximately 12,500 copies are sent to Lodges throughout the jurisdiction monthly. We look forward to the time when a copy will be in the hands of every Brother in Alberta. Our grateful thanks are extended to M.W. Brother Sam Harris for his untiring efforts in collecting interesting data for the Bulletin and we hope he will long be spared to carry out this labour of love for the Fraternity.

We heartily recommend the earnest perusal of the Grand Lodge Preceedings, the proceedings of the Conference of Western Grand Lodge Officers as well as those of the All Canada Conference of Grand Lodge Officers. All of these are laden with interesting and worthwhile material for the Masonic student.

Having in mind the diligent service of the District Deputy Grand Master listed below we heartily recommend that they be given the rank of Right Worshipful Past District Deputy Grand Master:

1. Right Worshipful Brother, Robert D. Clarke (1).
2. " " " Charles T. Schon (73)3.
3. " " " John Scott Parker (7).
4. " " " John D. Thomas (21).
5. " " " Carlton E. Blakeney (75).
6. " " " George Lloyd Morrison (32).

7. " " " Gerald L. Berry (100)
8. " " " Charles S. Reach (3).
9. " " " Robert Whitfield (45).
10. " " " Murray Hamilton (11).
11. " " " J. Walter Nielson (49).
12. " " " Jas. George Campbell (14).
13. " " " William Cassie (116).
14. " " " Glen Russell (161).
15. " " " John Percival Ferguson (66).
16. " " " W. H. D. Anderson (146).
17. " " " William A. Webb (46).
18. " " " Percy Wm. Slater (53).

Fraternally submitted,

HARRY E. HOWARD, D.G.M.
Chairman.

RESOLVED on Motion of R.W. Bro. Harry E. Howard (28), seconded by R.W. Bro. Reg. F. Lawrence (8), That the Report of the Committee on the Condition of Masonry be received and adopted.

HONORARY RANK

M.W. Bro. Sam Harris: M.W. Grand Master. As I have remarked on previous occasions we are all delighted to have visitors with us regardless of what part of the world they come from. We have several visitors from other grand jurisdictions, some of whom have not visited us before and I would beg to move that the Grand Lodge of Alberta confer an honor upon these visitors to show that we appreciate their attendance with us. I would move that the rank of Honorary Past Grand Master be conferred on Gordon McMorran, Grand Master of Manitoba, Robert McEwan, Grand Master of Saskatchewan and Charles C. Cohagen, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Montana, and that the rank of Past Deputy Grand Master be conferred upon the Deputy Grand Master of North Dakota, Edward J. Franta and the rank of Past Grand Chaplain be conferred upon our good guest speaker, Rt. Wor. Bro. the Rev. John B. Hubbard. We have another visitor with us in the person of M.W. Bro. Percy Doles, Past Grand Master of Montana but this distinction was conferred upon him last year so I do not think we have overlooked it.

The Grand Master: It is a great pleasure indeed to pass along to you this motion unanimously adopted here conferring on you individually these honors. (Addressing Rt. Wor. Bro. the Rev. John B. Hubbard, the Grand Master said: "Now, sir, if you wish to get out of Canada that is all. You may now retire."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT

To the M.W. The Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee has reviewed the Report of our Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. George Moore, P.G.M. for the year ending April 30th, 1952.

As usual, this report is most thorough and complete in every way. We are again glad to note there is an increase in our membership, the increase this year being 452 members as compared with 555 members last year. There are 152 Chartered Lodges and six Lodges under Dispensation, two of whom are making application for their Charters. The total membership as at December 31st. 1951 is 16,005 members as compared with 15,553 members last year.

Two Commissions to Grand Representatives were issued on the recommendation of the M.W. Grand Masters in the two Grand Jurisdictions where the Grand Representatives were appointed, namely, the Grand Lodges of Wisconsin and the York Grand Lodge of Mexico. On the recommendation of the M.W. Grand Master of Alberta, four were commissioned as Grand Representatives near the Grand Lodge of Alberta.

We regret to note the apparent laxity in the care given by those having Rituals, this laxity can be avoided if the necessary care that should be given, is given by these having Rituals. We commend the Grand Secretary's suggestion that his report for 1951 be read in the Lodges.

Your Committee commends our M.W. Grand Master, the District Deputies, Secretary's of Lodges and other who have aided the Grand Secretary in fulfilling the arduous duties of his office. The Grand Secretary is to be commended in his prompt action in preparing and issuing the instructions regarding the Lodge of Mourning for our late Most Gracious Majesty King George Sixth.

It is pleasing to note that our Grand Lodge Bulletin is steadily increasing in popularity both at home and abroad, 12,600 copies are now issued monthly.

The usual large number of Certificates and Dispensations were issued during the year, quite a task in themselves.

Finally, we again congratulate the Grand Secretary on his attending our M.W. Grand Master at all of the 18 District Meetings together with the many other meetings held in our Grand Jurisdiction, the Conference of Western Grand Lodges held in Banff and the Conferences held in Washington, D.C., U.S.A. last February. We concur in his words of appreciation to his Assistant, Miss Butler. We are indeed pleased to report the Most High in his great wisdom, has blessed M.W. Bro. Moore with much better health during the past

year, it is our sincere hope his health will continue to improve and he will enjoy good health for many years to come.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted.

SAM HARRIS, Chairman.
M. M. DOWNEY,
LeROY W. BOND.

RESOLVED on Motion of M.W. Bro. Sam. Harris (88), seconded by M.W. Bro. M. M. Downey (44), That the Report of the Committee on the Grand Secretary's Report be received and adopted.

ADDRESS

M. W. Bro. Gordon M. McMorran, Grand Master of Manitoba

M.W. Grand Master and Brethren. I was very pleased indeed yesterday morning to be introduced as the Grand Master of your Mother Grand Lodge and I can assure you, sir, I was more than pleased a few minutes ago to receive the honor of Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta. Brethren, that is an honor that I had more or les forgotten you conferred but I do appreciate it very greatly and next to being Grand Master of your Mother Grand Lodge I appreciate the fact of being Past Grand Master of Alberta. If I return in the future I return as a member, not as a visitor, is that right? My first act as Grand Master of your Mother Grand Lodge is to congratulate this daughter of ours and to bring you the warmest fraternal greetings of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba. We have two daughters and we are undoubtedly proud of them — Alberta and Saskatchewan. We have reason to be proud of them and I assure you, sir, that we watch with pleasure the progress of both of them. Manitoba, as you possibly know, at one time covered the prairie West and included all of Saskatchewan, all of Alberta, even extended into the Yukon. Two of the lodges in the Yukon now belong to British Columbia, and perhaps what will be of interest is the fact that Manitoba at one time had a lodge under its grand jurisdiction in North Africa. It was a peculiar incident but nevertheless we had one in Morocco — I think it was in 1890. Some good fellow in Winnipeg connected with the military had been transferred to North Africa and with little less enthusiasm or more enthusiasm rather than judgment he organized one there in opposition to the Grand Lodge of England. The Grand Lodge of Manitoba cabled him to not institute a lodge but he forgot about the cable or didn't receive it and went ahead and instituted it and the result was friction between the Grand Lodge of Manitoba and the Grand Lodge of England and eventually it cleared up by the lodges in Morocco going out of business.

You have lodges in Yellowknife and Pincher Creek and they are 1200 miles apart at least. What scope of territory even in this day. I was particularly interested in your report of your visit to Yellowknife. We in Manitoba have a lodge that is almost as far north — Churchill. It was instituted two years ago as Fort Prince of Wales.

If everything goes right I will have the honor of making the first official visit sometime in September. An interesting point is this, that some ten years prior to the institution of Fort Prince of Wales the Brethren in that northern outpost had already been operating under the name of Arctic Lodge of Perfection. It was just a gathering of a few interested Masons who wanted to retain their understanding of the ritual and to study its history and philosophy and to meet as Brethren. For ten years they carried on the Arctic Lodge of Perfection and then the Grand Lodge of Manitoba agreed to institute it. They are five hundred miles from The Pas. It is an expensive job for a Grand Lodge to supervise lodges as far away as Churchill and Yellowknife but brethren I cannot help but think it is worth while for the simple reason, to use Rt. Wor. Bro. Hubbard's expression last night, these men are no doubt "plus men". It is a peculiar fact that in almost all cases of outposts of that kind it is one of the first things these men wish to do is organize a Masonic Lodge. It has happened at Yellowknife, Churchill, Flin Flon and The Pas. The men who organized them are "plus" men and we should give them all possible encouragement. Now, Brethren, I know you have a busy morning but again I do wish to bring you the warmest fraternal greetings from your Mother Grand Lodge, the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:

Our Grand Master's address emphasizes the depth of our Grand Master's thoughts and understandings. The result of his many and varied activities — Masonic, Church, State and Business, in all he has taken an active interest and given of his best in his 50 years of residence in our fair Province. There is ample proof in all these fields that our Grand Master has added his share to the woodpile.

Your committee share with our Grand Master his pride and pleasure of being a citizen of this wonderful Province. We also share his anxiety lest we lose sight of the fact that this is a God given privilege to whom we must render an account.

We join our Grand Master in extending welcome to our distinguished visitors. Their coming has made our Grand Lodge meeting more enjoyable. We hope they will come again.

Your committee feel that they express the deep and lasting gratitude of all Masonic Brethren in this Jurisdiction for the efficient manner in which our Grand Master dealt with the sad news of the passing of our beloved Fraternal Brother, His Majesty King George VI. His request for fitting memorial services was responded to by all Lodges, large and small, in all parts of the Province.

That the Grand Master found conditions of Masonry in the Province healthy and harmonious is we feel a tribute to all his District Deputy Grand Masters.

It is gratifying to note that the advice of Grand Masters of recent years is now bearing fruit in that new Lodges are being formed from older Lodges and that new Lodges are being formed where unaffiliated Masons may find new homes.

We commend our Grand Master on his advice to character committees and agree that quality, not numbers, should ever be our aim.

It is regrettable that our Grand Master was unable to join in the welcome to Alberta to the Earl of Derby, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England. We are glad that our own Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Bro. Howard was on hand to do the honors.

Your committee congratulate our Grand Master on his many visitations to Sister Jurisdictions and the important meetings he was able to enjoy in many parts of the United States. We know our Grand Lodge was well represented.

We are pleased to read that our Grand Master and Grand Secretary attended all District meetings. We know from experience how much the presence of these two important officers mean to a district meeting.

We concur in the Grand Master's remarks regarding our bulletin and congratulate M.W. Bro. Sam Harris on his valuable contribution to our Masonic life.

Free Masonry has enjoyed able leadership during the past year by our Grand Master, who has the ability and gave of it liberally. His closing remarks express his deep and abiding faith in the Great architect of the Universe.

Respectfully and Fraternally Submitted,

R. J. BRADLEY,
Chairman.

RESOLVED on Motion of M.W. Bro. Russell J. Bradley (51), seconded my M.W. Bro. W. A. Henry (10) that the Report of the Committee on the Grand Master's Address be received and adopted.
(applause).

ADDRESS

M.W. Bro. Percy Doles, Past Grand Master of Montana

Grand Master, Distinguished Guests, Officers and Brethren: I have certainly enjoyed these reports, particularly those of the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary. I want to express the appreciation of myself and my better half for the courtesy extended to us — the flowers and the other things. I do not think anyone has ever received a warmer welcome at any time or any place than has been given to us here. Before I forget it I would like to convey the greetings of the R.W. Bro. Ralph Lodge to you brethren here. He particularly mentioned M.W. Bro. Howard, and I remember he mentioned our Grand Secretary, Brother George Moore here and George Ellis

and Leroy Bond and Sam Harris. We heard him make an address on early European Masonry which was very informative and instructive. I also want to say a word about your Grand Secretary. They say the big guns in any kind of business are those that have not been fired and we all know George Moore is a big gun in the Masonic field. I wrote him a while back and said I would like to visit him if the opportunity arose and he sent me the program and other information. I asked him the condition of the road between Medicine Hat and Edmonton and he gave me regional reports all the way through. Above all he gave me a dispensation, that if I found any bad roads I could use the appropriate cuss words. I would not make a speech on an occasion of this kind because as was said yesterday there are too many fine speakers for this occasion and these are primarily business sessions anyway.

Brethren I would like to comment just a moment on what the Grand Master said in his address and touched on by the Mayor. And that is about this war we have on. It is one put up by the Communists to control our thinking, not only your thinking and mine but particularly that of the young men and women. They are the ones they are after especially and I think the tempo of the struggle has been stepped up. I think it is very serious at the present time. There is also this thing spoken about yesterday about sending our boys 6,000 miles away to fight for people who do not know what it is about. There has been some murmuring over that. Shedding blood in common, I think this has united Canada and the United States more closely than before.

Thank you for the courtesy and the gracious hospitality extended to us. I do hope you will send a good delegation to our Grand Lodge in Helena in the third week in August.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS AND RECEPTION

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:

Your committee on Credentials are please to report that we find there are 467 members and 44 Masters Masons registered present at this Communication, carry a total voting strength of 622, consisting of 82 W.Ms. with 193 votes, 28 S.Ws. with 41 cotes, 20 J.Ws. with 26 votes 338, Past Masters with 338 votes, and 8 Proxies with 24 votes, 135 Chartered Lodges are represented 21 Chartered Lodges are without representation.

Details of representation are as follows:

No.	Lodge Name	W.M.	S.W.	J.W.	P.M.	Proxy	Votes Total
1	Bow River	1	..	..	2	..	5
2	Medicine Hat	1	..	..	4	..	7
3	Alberta	1	..	..	3	..	6

No.	Lodge Name	W.M.	S.W.	J.W.	P.M.	Proxy	Votes
4	North Star	1	..	..	..	..	3
5	Cascade	1	1	..	..	..	3
6	Spitzie	1	.	..	1	..	4
7	Edmonton	1	..	.	11	..	13
8	Innisfail	1	.	1	3	..	6
9	Perfection	1		..	1	..	4
10	Eureka		1	1	4	..	7
11	Acacia	1	1	1	15	..	18
12	Red Deer	..		..	3	..	3
13	Victoria	..	1	..	3	..	6
14	Jasper	1	.	1	7	.	10
15	Wetaskiwin	1	1	.	4	..	6
16	Mountain View	1	1	1	..	..	3
17	Nanton	.	..	..		.	N.R.
18	Britannia	1	1	1	1	.	4
19	Cornerstone	1	..	.	1	.	4
20	Carstairs	1	..	1	..	..	3
21	King Hiram	1	.	.	4	..	5
22	Corinthian	1	.	.	..	.	3
23	Calgary	1		1	3	..	5
24	Vermilion	..	1	..	20	.	23
25	St. John's	1	1	1	11	.	14
26	Sentinel	..	.	.	1	..	1
27	Apollo	1	..	..	9	..	12
28	Ashlar	..	1	..	3	..	6
29	Kenilworth	..	..	..	4	..	4
30	Summit	1	..	..	.	..	3
31	Doric	1	..	..	1	..	4
32	Cairo				1	1	4
33	Stavely			1			3
34	Star of the West				4		4
35	Mizpah	1	1		2	..	5
36	Gleichen		.	..			N.R.
37	Camrose	1		.	1	.	4
38	Hope	1	1	1	5	..	8
39	Lethbridge	1	.		1	.	4
40	Joppa	1	..		2	.	5
41	King Solomon	1		.	3		6
42	Bowden	1	1		3		6
43	Tuscan	1	..		3		6
44	Buffalo Park	1	.	.	1		4
45	Ionic	.			1		1
46	Palestine		1	..	1		4
47	Chinook	1	..		1		4
48	Crossfield	.		'	1		1
49	Robert Burns		.	.			N.R.
50	Comet	1	..	.	3		6
51	Unity	1	1	1	15		18
53	Strathmore	..	.	.	4		4
54	Mount Lebanon	1	.		1		4
55	Bassano	1	.	..	..	.	3
56	Beaver	1	..		3	.	6
57	Grassy Lake				..		N.R.

No.	Lodge Name	W.M.	S.W.	J.W.	P.M.	Proxy	Votes
58	Chief Mountain				1		1
59	King George	1			1		4
60	Acme				1	1	4
61	Provost		1		1		4
62	Melorse	1			3		4
63	Empire	1	1	1	11		14
64	Bow Island						N.R.
65	Diamond City	1			1		4
66	St. Andrew's	1	1		3		6
67	Charity				2	1	5
68	Edson	1	1		1		4
69	Connaught				2		2
70	Quarry	1					3
71	Tawatinaw	1		1	1		4
72	Coronation	1					3
73	Brooks	1			1		4
74	Vulcan				2		2
75	Harmony				1		1
76	Fidelity				7		7
77	Strathcona	1			6		9
78	Hanna			1			3
79	Morning Star				1		1
80	Excelsior				1		1
81	Commercial				4		4
82	Acadia				1		1
83	Zetland	1			2		3
84	Champion				2	1	5
86	Chief Mountain				1		1
87	Crescent	1			7		10
88	Wahpun				2		2
89	Peace River	1		1	1		4
90	Norwood	1			4		7
91	Patricia	1	1		5		7
92	Saskatchewan				8	1	11
93	Symbol	1					1
94	Lamont				1		1
95	Kitchener				2		2
96	Dynamic	1			3		6
97	Albion				1		1
98	Hand Hill						N.R.
100	Century	1	1		2		5
101	West Edmonton	1	1		3		5
102	Edgerton				1		1
103	Foremost				1		1
104	Oyen				2	1	5
105	Grande Prairie				4		4
106	Lake Saskatoon						N.R.
107	Carbon	1					3
108	Pyramid						N.R.
111	Nobleford						N.R.
113	Cyprus				1	1	4
114	Westlock	1			3		6
115	Crocus				1		1

No.	Lodge Name	W.M.	S.W.	J.W.	P.M.	Proxy	Votes
116	Spirit River	..	..	..	3	.	3
117	Dominion	1	..	..	4	..	7
118	St. Mark's	1	..	..	2	..	5
119	York	1	..	..	..	..	3
120	Monitor	..		..	..	..	N.R.
123	Rockyford	..	..	..	1	..	1
124	Concord	..	.	..	3	..	3
125	Cavell	..	..	..	..	..	N.R.
126	Pembina	..	..	..	..	.	N.R.
127	Granite	1	1	..	..	..	3
128	Forestburg	1	.	..	..	.	3
129	Meridian			..	..		N.R.
130	Hussar	1	.	..	1	..	4
131	Kitscoty	1	1	..	..	..	3
132	Craigmyle	1	..	..	.	..	3
133	Manyberries	.	.	..	1	..	1
134	Renfrew	1	..	.	4	.	6
135	Alliance	1	..	..	1	..	4
136	Cresset	1	..	..	1	..	2
137	Irricana	..	..	1	2	..	5
138	Onoway	..	..	..	.	.	N.R.
140	Big Valley	..	..	..	2	..	2
141	Efficiency	1	..	..	1	..	4
142	Ivanhoe	.		.	7	.	7
143	Jasper Park	1	..	1	2	..	5
144	Gratton	..	..	..	..	.	N.R.
145	St. Alban's	1	1	..	2	..	5
146	Drumheller	1	.	..	2	.	5
147	Northland	..	..	..	..	.	N.R.
148	Mayerthrope	..		..	1	..	1
151	Lochearn	..	1	.	1	.	4
152	Standard	.	.	.	..	.	N.R.
153	Whitecourt		..	..	..	..	N.R.
154	Waskatenau	..	..	..		..	N.R.
156	Hythe	1		.	1	..	4
157	Sharon	1	1	.	1	..	3
158	Berry Creek	1	..		..	..	3
159	Lucerne	..			1		1
160	Sexsmith	..			2		2
161	Empress	..	.	..	1	1	4
162	Yellowknife	.	..	..	1		1
163	Ancient Landmark	1	.	.	1	.	4
164	Gateway	1	..	1	3	..	5
U.D.	Canada	1	1	1	1	..	4
U.D.	Evergreen	1	..	..	1	.	4
		82	28	20	338	8	622

RESOLVED on Motion of V. Wor. Bro. A. J. G. Lauder. Seconded by Rt. W. W. Betts, that The Report of the Committee on Credentials and Reception be received and adopted."

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SCRUTINEERS

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Alberta A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:

Your Scrutineers for the election of Officers report as follows:

The following Officers were elected by acclamation:
Grand Master ..... M.W. Bro. Harry Eastwood Howard (28).
Deputy Grand Master ..... R.W. Bro. William H. Jackson (8).
Senior Grand Warden ..... R.W. Bro. Peter Dawson (84).
Grand Treasurer ..... R.W. Bro. Alfred Jackson David (23).

The following Officers were elected by ballot:
Junior Grand Warden ..... R.W. Bro. Sidney Carl Heckbert (24).
Grand Chaplain ..... R.W. Bro. William Henry Morgan (165).
Grand Registrar ..... R.W. Bro. Charles William Lilley (11).

The ballot for the Board of General Purposes resulted as follows:
R.W. Bro. John Booth ..... (51).
R.W. Bro. Frederick James Kavanagh ..... (142).
R.W. Bro. John Lawrence Little ..... (7).
Wor. Bro. David Drinnan ..... (27).
Wor. Bro. John Denholm ..... (83).
Wor. Bro. Harris Hughes ..... (164).
Wor. Bro. Harry Compton Neal ..... (77).
Wor. Bro. Charles S. Sinclair ..... (11).
And for the unexpired term of the late R.W. Bro. Harold W. Bell (53).
R.W. Bro. Thomas Sydney Jeffery ..... (59).

For the Board of Benevolence, the following were elected for two years:
R.W. Bro. George W. Bureau ..... (134).
V.W. Bro. George Wilbert Skene ..... (9).
Wor. Bro. Sidney P. Bird ..... (59).

RESOLVED on Motion of M.W. Bro. George Moore (23), seconded by R.W. Bro. Alfred Jackson Davis (23), That the Report of the Scrutineers be received and adopted and the election of those so named duly confirmed.

The Grand Master then declared these Brethren elected and expressed his great appreciation to the Scrutineers for the time they put in counting the ballots. The Brethren showed their appreciation with applause.

MOTIONS

The Grand Secretary:

There have been a number of notices of motion to amend the Constitution. They were received in proper time and are constitutionally correct. The first one is by M.W. Bro. H.B. Macdonald in connection with the change of date.

M.W. Bro. Howard B. Macdonald:

Grand Master: In accordance with notice given at the last Annual Communication I beg leave to move that section No. 28 be amended by changing the word "second" in the second line to "third," which means that the Grand Lodge will meet on the third Wednesday instead of the second Wednesday in June. This has been done at the request of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan so that the meetings of the Grand Lodges in the three western provinces will follow in sequence: Manitoba on the first Wednesday, Saskatchewan on the second and Alberta on the third. This change has been approved by the Board of General Purposes and I therefore move that it be adopted. This notice is made, of course, on the understanding that Saskatchewan will make a similar motion at their Grand Lodge next week to change their date to agree with the other provinces.

The Grand Master:

In conversation with some of the men from Saskatchewan last week in Winnipeg I was given to understand they are ready to make that change if we are. They are awaiting our response to this motion.

M.W. Bro. Sam Harris:

Personally, Brethren, it is immaterial when we meet. Whenever we do I hope to meet with you for some years to come. But I would like to point out if this motion is carried it will prevent anyone from the Grand Lodges of North Dakota and British Columbia from fraternizing with us. It will likewise prevent anyone from this Grand Lodge visiting with them and we have worked up now a very nice relationship with these neighboring Grand Lodges and I think it would would be a pity to sacrifice this relationship at this time. It has taken us some years to work up this connection and it is a pleasant connection. I know we are delighted to visit their Grand Lodges and I am sure they are delighted to visit our Grand Lodges. I do not think it would be in the interest of the Grand Lodge of Alberta to disrupt this arrangement. I do not like to take issue with the mover of this motion as to the reason for the change. I was present when the representative from Saskatchewan presented the idea last year and the reason he gave was to start their meetings earlier. I would favour retaining the date of our annual communication.

Senior Grand Warden:

This is rather a big change to make on the spur of the moment. We have not really given the matter much thought. M.W. Bro. Harris gave me a different slant on the picture and I would suggest that a committee be appointed to look into the matter and confer with Saskatchewan and just see and bring it in next year. In a big thing like that, we do not want to do it in a hurry and be sorry after. Better take a little time before than make the change now.

M.W. Bro. H. B. MacDonald:

As mover I am prepared to accept the amendment by the Senior Grand Warden and that it be deferred and that a committee be formed.

Senior Grand Warden:

I move that the matter of changing the date of Grand Lodge be deferred and that the Grand Master appoint a committee to report at the next Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master:

The motion to defer is not debatable and takes precedence. Motion Carried.

The Grand Secretary:

The second notice of motion was sent by Lodge No. 32 and if there is any member of that Lodge here please stand. Are you prepared to speak to this?

A Brother:

R.W. Carney asked me if I would move this motion. Now I am not quite familiar with the contents.

The Grand Secretary:

May I read it for you. It deals with the question of Section 165. R.W. Bro. Carney and Cairo Lodge wish the first thirteen words of this section deleted and substitute the following:

"Lodges working in the Canadian Rite may transact regular business in the First Degree." The section would then read as follows:

A Brother:

I would like to ask provided this motion carries would an Entered Apprentice or Fellowcraft have the privilege of expressing his opinion at that meeting?

Grand Secretary:

M.W. Grand Master in replying to R.W. Bro. Smith's inquiry and expressing only a personal view I do not see how you could exclude the Entered Apprentice and Fellowcraft from participating in the regular business. I may say Brethren there is a great difference of opinion throughout the civilized world on this very question. Ontario and Quebec transact business in the First Degree, so does Great Britain and most Commonwealth countries but you go into neighboring Nova Scotia and New Brunswick they hold a different view. They say no Entered Apprentice is going to transact Master Mason's business as far as we are concerned. In Quebec they say no taxation without representation. This man has paid his fee and is entitled to vote. I do not think this motion defines that point. You have the York Rite to consider in one way because if you give him the right to vote and transact business in the Canadian Rite and deny it to this Brother in the York Rite, I do not know what the situation would be.

R.W. Bro. A. J. Davis:

The question has always arisen as to dividing Grand Lodge into two sections which those in the York Rite have always headed off. If you create a motion of this kind you will create dissention. I suggest we leave it entirely alone.

V.W. Bro. M. Brodie:

If this goes through it will mean that the business of the Lodge may be transacted with both points of the compass hidden from the brethren of that lodge. There is something to consider very seriously. The Entered Apprentice, does not know what is ahead of him yet. If that goes through we give him the privilege of voting in the election of officers. That is part of the business of the Lodge. I think I agree with R.W. Bro. Davis, it would be well to leave that section as it stands at the present time.

A Brother:

I come from a small lodge and quite often we do not do any particular business and we need the practice in the various degrees and unless we have the practice in going through first second and third degrees I think we would become rusty. This business of paying our fee and therefore being able to vote and elect officers — I think we are catering to the person who possibly gets into a lodge, is able to pay his fee but takes no part. I am against this motion and we should keep our ritual as it is.

R. W. Bro. Morrison:

Is an Entered Apprentice a Mason or is he not? When we get our First Degree we are told this night you have been made a member of this Lodge. If you are a member of the lodge have you got a right from then on to take a part in that Lodge? You have paid your money. Now as regards the brother who has said about going up in to the other degrees and coming down. There isn't anything in that motion to stop him from doing that. If any particular lodge does not want to do business in the First Degree they do not have to do it — they can stay in the Third Degree. I am in favor of this motion. There is a lot of point in it. Everybody is told that comes into a lodge when you take the First Degree you are a member of this Order.

M.W. Bro. Sam Harris:

If this change is made I do not think it should be made optional, whether it should be done in the First Degree or not. It should be compulsory one way or the other. Not two different ways.

A Brother:

I was going to make the same remarks as M.W. Bro. Harris.

A Brother:

Would not the Lodge be compelled to abide by that amendment? How could they of their own accord do what they wish?

A Brother:

If this motion is introduced — I wonder how many here are from Ontario, or made Masons in Ontario? Does the Entered Apprentice in Ontario have a vote in the lodge? He does not in England, I can assure you of that. He does not in Ontario I know; although the business of the lodge is done in the First Degree they are not entitled to vote. Is this question one of expediency? Will it cut down the time? Just time it. It is the same within a few seconds. You do not save time. When you take a member in the lodge and he pays his dues then that makes him a Mason. It makes him a member and you told him so. We take his money. We did not ask him to come in. Certainly he paid his money but he paid his money to be made a Mason. He is made a Mason when he has his Third Degree and is not a Mason until that time. I do not think this grand body should take a lot of time thinking about it.

A Brother:

I was made a Mason in Ontario in the Canadian work. I was there two years before I moved West. My present Lodge at Big Valley is in the York work. In those two years in Ontario we had two join that never went any further than the First Degree because they could go there and associate with the brethren as long as there was no degree work. They were Masons, cleared to be Masons, but they never went any further than the First Degre on account of the fact they could go there and attend lodge along with the other brethren. This motion does not interest our Lodge: we work in the York Rite. That is what happened in my first lodge in Ontario.

The Grand Master:

I do not want to shut off discussion but I think this thing has been pretty well aired. Motion Lost.

The Grand Secretary:

The next Notice of Motion was given by R.W. Bro. E. Ross

R.W. Bro. E. Ross:

This motion was given at the last communication, that this body make a contribution to the Alberta Division, Canadian Cancer Society towards the work of that Society in Alberta. The motion is that this body contribute $30,000 towards research in Alberta on the subject of cancer.

R.W. Bro. H. E. Howard:

This motion does not conform to the motion as printed.

R.W. Bro. Thomas:

I understand there is a difference of opinion regarding this. The motion as read by R.W. Bro. Ross was for a donation to the Cancer Society of $30,000. I think there was something said about referring that to a committee. I would second R.W. Bro. Ross's motion.

The Grand Master:

Is this motion in keeping or the same as the notice of motion?

R.W. Bro. E. Ross:

Worshipful Master: It is moved by R.W. Bro. E. Ross, seconded by R.W. Bro. J. D. Thomas that a cash donation be donated to the Canadian Cancer Society of Alberta. As at today cancer is the worst scourge on humanity. A few years back it was small pox, then T.B. The resources of our medical men have brought those two afflictions under control. At the present time cancer is causing a great deal of suffering. All the civilized world is conscious more or less of this and a great effort is being made at this present time. Since the hungry 30's the work for which our funds have been collected has been part of it taken from us by municipal, provincial and federal governments in forms of relief, the baby bonus, old age pensions and what-have-you. The matter of how much this should be we leave to this body. In Alberta the Society has assisted greatly with the direction and equipping of a lab here on the University grounds. The contribution last year to the lab was $100,000.00 contributed chiefly by Albertans in one, two and five dollar items. By the exercise of brotherly love we are taught to regard the whole human race as one family. To relieve distress is a duty of all men and particularly Masons who are linked together by an indissoluble chain. The relief of distress means more than sympathizing with them in their misfortunes. Compassion at their miseries and restoring peace to their minds is the object in view and on this basis we form our friendships and establish our connections. My Brethren should we try to live up to that or build up the fund to leave to our successors which could possibly promote or aid in their downfall?

R.W. Bro. A. J. Davis:

Those of us who were here yesterday heard the report of the finance committee in which M.W. Bro. Cumming drew attention to the fact that we spent $500.00 last year for which the committee had no authority and after his gentle persuasion Grand Lodge finally allowed us to proceed. In the Constitution it provides a budget for funds also the disposition of our funds of relief and there is nothing in the motion as to what fund it comes from. There are no funds in the General Fund for this purpose and the Relief Funds are all provided in the Constitution as to their disposition and in order for this motion to be accepted by Grand Lodge, in my opinion there would have to be a unanimous vote by every man of this Lodge. I would oppose it. This Grand Lodge has a duty to itself. It should not be a collection agency to those other societies which most of us offer contributions to when time permits.

R.W. Bro. Morrison:

Is it in order? There is no provision in the Constitution whereby we can entertain that motion. I do not see how it can be in order. I am in sympathy with the motion but I am greatly in doubt as to whether it is in order.

R.W. Bro. A. J. Davis:

The reason I brought it up is in order to make it a unanimous vote. A unanimous vote would be necessary to correct it. Motion Lost.

The Grand Secretary:

The next Notice of Motion is in the hands of R.W. Bro. Jackson.

R.W. Bro. W. H. Jackson:

M.W. the Grand Master: This is not very much. The wording on the Notice of Motion just changes two words so that perhaps we had better read the Constitution as it stands:

"All Master Masons shall be eligible to receive this Jewel who have had fifty years continuous active membership in any Grand Lodge, the jurisdiction of which is recognized by this Grand Body, provided he has been a member for a period of not less than fifteen years in this jurisdiction and that he has received the recommendation of the Lodge to which he belongs."

Now the sticker in the thing is that word "continuous". I believe a lot of hardship has been caused in the fact of that word "continuous." I am very doubtful if the intent was there when it was put in many years ago. The hardship is caused in this way. A brother comes in shall we say from Ontario. He comes to Alberta with a dimit and it takes one month probably before he can get his application in and then the regular course. Now there are quite a few members which have been debarred just by that word continuous. They have been debarred because of a break in their membership of from one month to a year or a year and a half. The intention of this motion is to let them use the time they lost in the break in membership by filling it in after the end of the fifty years so that if a man was initiated fifty years ago and he took one year to get from one lodge to another then he would have to be fifty-one years before was eligible for the fifty years jewel. Now to fill that requirement I think the amendment is going to cover it. The section would read:

"All Master Masons shall be eligible to receive this jewel who have completed full fifty years active membership in any active Grand Lodge."

The rest is all the same. By saying completing fifty years that covers the hardship and that covers the problem. CARRIED.

The Grand Secretary:

Before we leave I would like a vote of thanks to be extended to the Edmonton Masonic Temple and their staff who has looked after us so well and the Masters and Wardens Association who has had the matter in hand and been of valuable assistance during this Grand Lodge communication.

V.W. Bro. McRoberts:

M.W. Sir: I want to bring this question up because it has been

perturbing me in my lodge for the past few months. It is a matter of admitting a man of another faith than the Christian faith. He is not apprized that he will take his obligation on our Bible. If we had to keep our Christian Bible on our altar then a member entering our organization has got to believe in it or else it is a mockery. I would like some information on that matter.

The Grand Master:

I would say if your sponsors and character investigation committee were on the job he would never get to first base. That is one of the things I have been pointing out — the character committee carrying out their investigation.

The Grand Secretary:

May I make a brief comment. A Jew is properly obligated on the Old Testament which we use in our Lodges. His obligation is not valid unless his head is covered. Many Lodges have a little black cap on the Altar which they use in such cases. He is then properly obligated.

A Brother:

A matter of procedure. During the opening and closing of the Lodge it has been confusing in our Lodge. It is a matter of sitting down and standing up between the degrees. Do I understand that some lodges stand and then sit down for each degree. They go all through the various phases. Is that proper or not?

The Grand Secretary:

I think if you follow your ritual Brother that answers itself.

M.W. Bro. John Martland:

It has been ruled that when you open in the First Degree the Worshipful Master gives the knocks and seats the Brethren and then gives the knocks to raise them up and open in the second and the same again, seats them in the second and rises them in the Third. Is that your answer, Brother? May I say pertaining to the question with regard to the Jew and confirming the M.W. the Grand Secretary: I happened to be in a Lodge in the Old Land last year and there were two candidates there. One was of the Christian faith and the other of the Jewish. The one of the Christian faith knelt at the Altar and the one of the Jewish faith stood up with a black cap on and both took their obligation. The Jew takes his obligation on the Old Testament, of course.

INSTALLATION OF THE GRAND MASTER

The Grand Master:

I now call on M.W. Bro. George Moore to take the chair and install the Officers for the new year.

The Grand Secretary:

Brethren. We now come to the concluding ceremony of this annual communication, namely the installation of your Officers for the ensuing year. These men are assuming office to carry out the work you have imposed upon them. Please give them your sympathy and support which they need — which we all need in carrying out the duties of this great organization. M.W. Brother Macdonald will you please present the Grand Master elect.

M.W. Bro. Howard B. Macdonald:

M.W. Sir, and Brethren. It is a great pleasure and honour for me to present to you the Grand Master Elect, the R.W. Bro. H. E. Howard, to be installed as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta. R.W. Bro. Howard will bring to this office great ability and dignity. He not only practices Masonry within the lodge but he carries it into his daily life and as he goes about the District of Alberta he will have and bring a great message of inspiration to the Brethren of this Grand Jurisdiction. We are highly honored by having a man of his ability, character and standing to assume the office following such a great Grand Master as we had last year. It is a privilege and honour for me to present to you R.W. Bro. Harry Eastwood Howard to be installed as Grand Master of Alberta.

The Grand Chaplain gave the Blessing and R.W. Bro. H. E. Howard took the obligation. The installation of the new Grand Master concluded at 11:45 a.m. and then followed the installation of the other Grand Lodge officers.

PRESENTATION OF PAST GRAND MASTER'S JEWEL TO M.W. BRO. WALDO F. EMPEY, PAST GRAND MASTER, BY M.W. BRO. H. E. HOWARD, GRAND MASTER

M.W. Bro. Howard:

It is my great pleasure to attach this jewel of Past Grand Master on to your collar. It is an indication that you have performed very efficiently and delightfully your work as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta. You have brought grace to every situation you came in contact with and I only hope you will be long spared to carry on those wonderful duties you have been trying to do all your life and for Free Masonry in particular.

M.W. Bro. Waldo F. Empey:

Thank you M.W. Bro. Howard. I am very grateful for this jewel and I shall always wear it as a reminder to me of one of the pleasantest years of my young life. My own regret is that my good wife is not here this morning to have heard all the good things said about me because I do not know if she would believe it or not. I am indeed grateful for all the good things said and for this lovely jewel. This has been a wonderful year for me. I have enjoyed it immensely. I look back over my Masonic career through the years and have enjoyed it all the way through. This has been a wonderful

year. I have broadened my horizons and increased my knowledge and love of Free Masonry. It was just a little over twenty-two years ago I started in Unity Lodge. I had been a member for some years but I was probably slipping a little bit and I remember well one afternoon I was with my family and we were starting out on our holidays and I met R.W. Bro. F. F. W. Lowle on the street and he asked me to take the post of Chaplain in the Lodge that year. He was Master of the Lodge. I hesitated for a while but after giving it consideration I consented and I got back into harness in Unity Lodge there and I have been working pretty steadily all the rest of the twenty-two years. This is a lovely culmination finishing up as Grand Master. I hope, sir, with you that I will have the privilege of serving Masonry some years yet. I wish you and your officers the finest possible year and I know you will have a good year and a year from now you will be in the same position I am. I will give you and your Officers all the support I can and I again wish you everything good and thank you for the kindness shown me. I referred to my wife there. I do not want to leave any wrong impression. I pay tribute to her in that anything that I have accomplished in Masonry has been largely due to the fine co-operation and support I have had from her.

M.W. Bro. H. E. Howard:

I would like to have one or two words to say before I close. You have highly honoured me today and I feel very humble about it all. I would like to say this. As I was talking to the District Deputies I gave them a message of the things they might think about during the year. I want to see if we cannot delve into the situation and see how much we are putting into practice in our daily lives of the principles and tenets of Free Masonry and that is the theme I am going to follow. In whatever talks I can I want to delve into that situation as to what and how we should be putting into practice those things which are given us in Free Masonry. And I do not want you to get any idea that I want to be academic about it. I want to put it into practice because I really feel this world needs it. I just want to close what words I have to say by just giving a little note called "Today".

"Let me today do something that shall take
A little sadness from the world's vast store,
And may I be so favoured as to make
Of joys too scanty some a little more.
Let me tonight look back across the span
Twixt dawn and dark and to my conscience say
Because of some good act to beast or man
This world is better that I lived today.
Thank you, Brethren.

M.W. Bro. LeRoy Bond:

I believe, due to the fact that you were presented with the flag of the United States and due to the fact that my Grand Master expressed his words of thanks for that gift, do you not think it would be nice to have this Grand Lodge go on record by motion —

I would like to move so — that it be on our written records to show that this gift symbolizing the expression of love, unity and co-operation of this great masonic structure between Montana and Alberta be received with sincere thanks and appreciation and that some form of letter be sent from our Grand Lodge with that expression in it. I would like to so move a motion of that kind so it will be on our records.

M.W. Bro. H. E. Howard:

I would like to express my appreciation to M.W. Bro. George Moore for acting as Installing Officer and to my very good friend M.W. Bro. Howard B. Macdonald for presenting me in such nice terms.

GRAND LODGE CLOSED

The business of Grand Lodge being ended the Forty-Seventh Annual Communication was closed in ample form and with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

GEORGE MOORE,
Grand Secretary

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In Memoriam

OF THE

ILLUSTRIOUS DEAD

OF

SISTER GRAND LODGES

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"I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life."
Thus saith the Lord.

Reverently inscribed to the Honored Dead of Sister Grand Jurisdictions.

Jurisdiction	Name and Rank	Date of Death
	His Majesty, Most Wor. Brother	
England	King George VI	Feb. 6, 1952
Alabama	James Madison Pearson, P.G.M.	May 12, 1951
Arizona	Harry Arizona Drachman, P.G.M.	Dec. 26, 1951
Colorado	Harry Lester Baum, P.G.M.	Mar. 25, 1951
Colorado	Benjamin Clark Hilliard, P.G.M.	Aug. 7, 1951
Denmark	Karl Johan Nilsson, Gr. Secretary	Aug. 7, 1951
Idaho	Victor Peterson, P.G.M.	Mar. 15, 1951
Indiana	William S. Swintz, Gf. Secretary	Mar. 24, 1951
Maine	David Edward Moulton, P.G.M.	Apr. 21, 1951
Maine	E. Murray Graham, S.G.W.	Aug. 12, 1951
Manitoba	James Mackie, P.G.M.	Apr. 25, 1951
Manitoba	Benjamin Cronyn Parker, P.G.M.	Dec. 28, 1951
Manitoba	Rev. Peter Thomas Pilkie, P.G.M.	Oct. 7, 1951
Michigan	Charles A. Donaldson, P.G.M.	Sept. 10, 1951
Michigan	Frank Smith Gould, P.G.M.	Mar. 26, 1951
Mississippi	Walter Lawrence Wilson, P.G.M.	Nov. 3, 1951
Montana	Llewellyn Link Callaway, P.G.M.	Aug. 6, 1951
Montana	Ed. Whipple Spottswood, P.G.M.	May 14, 1951
New Hampshire	Frederic Elwin Everett, P.G.M.	Sept. 18, 1951
North Dakota	Walter Lincoln Stockwell, P.G.M.	Dec. 4, 1951
North Dakota	William Hall, P.G.M.	Dec. 24, 1951
Oregon	Earl Clapp Bronwugh, P.G.M.	Sept. 14, 1951
Oregon	Frank Wilson Settlemier, P.G.M.	Sept. 16, 1951
Oregon	Erza Morton Wilson, P.G.M.	Oct. 16, 1951
Ohio	Elmer R. Arn, P.G.M.	Dec. 24, 1951
Ohio	B. Frank Thomas, P.G.M.	Dec. 12, 1951
Pennsylvania	Edward Foster Roberts, D.G.M.	Aug. 31, 1951
Quebec	William Walter Williamson, P.G.M.	Apr. 4, 1951
Saskatchewan	T. Wellington Sutherland P.G.M.	Oct. 19, 1951
Saskatchewan	Gilbert Swain, P.G.M.	June 12, 1951
South Carolina	Homer M. Pace, P.G.M.	Nov. 15, 1951
Tennessee	William Porter Chandler, P.G.M.	June 12, 1951
Texas	William Stephenson Cooke, P.G.M.	Apr. 1, 1951
Texas	Henry Marsh Bell, D.G.M.	Aug. 24, 1951
Virginia	Harry Kennedy Green, P.G.M.	Mar. 12, 1951
Washington	Robert Adamson Wilson, P.G.M.	Aug. 2, 1951

In Memoriam

OF THE

ILLUSTRIOUS DEAD

OF

OUR OWN JURISDICTION

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"So we who knew him and to him were known
His gentleness and courage to endure,
Know, though the shadowed way he treads alone,
His step still moves unfaltering, and as sure."

No.	Lodge	Name	Date of Death
1	Bow River	Garrioch, David	Feb. 21, 1951
1	Bow River	Lawless, William Henry	Jan. 1, 1951
1	Bow River	Turfus, Thomas	May 2, 1951
1	Bow River	Williams, William	Feb. 12, 1951
1	Bow River	Finningley, Allan Geo. Edgar	Feb. 10, 1951
2	Medicine Hat	Jamieson, William	Jan. 14, 1951
2	Medicine Hat	McLaren, James	Apr. 2, 1951
2	Medicine Hat	Isaac, Evan William	Jan. 8, 1951
2	Medicine Hat	Kanneman, Luther	June 28, 1951
2	Medicine Hat	Parkes, Howard Owen	July 2, 1951
2	Medicine Hat	Davies, John E.	July 10, 1951
2	Medicine Hat	Western, Walter C.	Aug. 18, 1951
2	Medicine Hat	Shields, Hugh Norman	Oct. 8, 1951
2	Medicine Hat	Hollinger Curtis	Aug. 16, 1951
2	Medicine Hat	Hamilton, Wallace Clare	Oct. 17, 1951
3	Alberta	Bawden, Albert Wilson	
3	Alberta	Gordon, William Angus	Dec. 18, 1951
4	North Star	Tiffin, Reuben Taylor	May 20, 1951
4	North Star	Chaplin, Edward	Aug. 27, 1951
4	North Star	Chiswick, George	Sept. 17, 1951
4	North Star	Jackson, John Ainslie	Oct. 1, 1951
4	North Star	Baird, Robert Hopeson	Dec. 13, 1951
5	Cascade	Shakerley, John Evans	May 2, 1951
5	Cascade	Lyman, Otis Arthur	May 15, 1951
5	Cascade	Reeve, Ernest Edward	Oct. 22, 1951
5	Cascade	Moore, Philip Augustus	Nov. 1, 1951
5	Cascade	Whyte, William David	Dec. 24, 1951
6	Spitzie	Ross, William Alexander	Jan. 17, 1951
6	Spitzie	Marcellus, Thomas Aden	Jan. 21, 1951
6	Spitzie	Bossenberry Harvey	Jan. 17, 1951
7	Edmonton	Glenwright, John W.	Jan. 15, 1951
7	Edmonton	Powell, James Alvin Roy	Jan. 31, 1951
7	Edmonton	Mackenzie, William S.	Feb. 6, 1951
7	Edmonton	Dyer, Daniel	Mar. 22, 1951
7	Edmonton	Musto, Thomas	May 5, 1951
8	Innisfail	Huckell, Benjamin Arthur	Sept. 24, 1951
8	Innisfail	Bowe, Reginald R.	
9	Perfection	Hewer, Irvine Bruce	May 12, 1951
9	Perfection	McQuiston, James	April 17, 1951
9	Perfection	Stephens, H. L.	Mar. 4, 1951
9	Perfection	Stevenson, John	May 11, 1951
9	Perfection	Bishop, John A.	Nov. 18, 1951
9	Perfection	Halliday, Francis Allan	Nov. 20, 1951
9	Perfection	Law, Herbert	Nov. 7, 1951
9	Perfection	McLeod, Charles F.	July 6, 1951
9	Perfection	Armstrong, Wm. Charles	Feb. 5, 1951

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10	Eureka	Simpson, William John	Jan. 30, 1951
11	Acacia	McKim, Harry B.	Mar. 10, 1951
11	Acacia	Hardy, Thomas	Mar. 24, 1951
11	Acacia	Weston, John Henry	Apr. 19, 1951
11	Acacia	Claxton, Thomas	June 30, 1951
11	Acacia	Jones, Albert F.	Sept. 22, 1951
12	Red Deer	Beaumont, Wright	Jan. 6, 1951
13	Victoria	Byers, William Frank	May 16, 1951
14	Jasper	Christensen, Christian Emil	May 21, 1951
15	Wetaskiwin	Thompson, Carman Henry	Jan. 1, 1951
15	Wetaskiwin	Twiss, George F.	Sept. 28, 1951
17	Nanton	Patterson, Julius E.	Apr. 9, 1951
17	Nanton	Roney, William	Sept. 2, 1951
17	Nanton	Hill, Joseph Edward	Dec. 26, 1951
18	Britannia	Sheppard, Wayne Hamlain	Feb. 11, 1951
18	Britannia	MacKinnon, Neil	July 18, 1951
18	Britannia	Bachor, Fritz	Aug. 19, 1951
18	Britannia	Jackson, John A.	Oct. 1, 1951
18	Britannia	Reeves, Howell	Nov. 19, 1951
19	Cornerstone	Hitchner, Robert James	Aug. 12, 1951
19	Cornerstone	Watt, Frank Leslie	Aug. 14, 1951
19	Cornerstone	Thomas, Arthur Waine	Dec. 10, 1951
19	Cornerstone	Tompson, John	Feb. 15, 1951
21	King Hiram	Bowman, Harvey M.	Feb. 10, 1951
21	King Hiram	Anderson, John L.	Dec. 5, 1951
22	Corinthian	Lewis, William C.	Aug. 14, 1951
22	Corinthian	Brown, John Thomas	Dec. 7, 1951
23	Calgary	Fairley, Albert Ernest	Feb. 6, 1951
23	Calgary	Reed, John	July 3, 1951
23	Calgary	Scott, Wilfred Douglas	Aug. 10, 1951
25	St. John's	Bonisteel, Charles E.	Feb. 10, 1951
25	St. John's	Fraser, Albert Winburn	Aug. 30, 1951
26	Sentinel	Chestnut, Charles Edward	Nov. 22, 1951
27	Apollo	Wyllie, George B.	Apr. 2, 1951
27	Apollo	Bennett, Charles Vincent	May 28, 1951
27	Apollo	Sutherland, Archie Dugal	June 16, 1951
28	Ashlar	Milne, Frank	Apr. 22, 1951
28	Ashlar	McDonald, James	Mar. 14, 1951
28	Ashlar	Edwards, Leonard Lawson	Feb. 18, 1951
28	Ashlar	Horner, Wilber Henry	Oct. 10, 1951
28	Ashlar	Hill, George	Oct. 12, 1951
28	Ashlar	Falconer, Harry Wentworth	Oct. 14, 1951
30	Summit	Haysom, William Henry	Apr. 5, 1951
30	Summit	Emmerson, Joseph	Apr. 18, 1951
30	Summit	Moores, Samuel	Aug. 4, 1951
31	Doric	Karras, Nick	May 12, 1951
35	Mizpah	Rayment, Arthur James	Mar. 28, 1951

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35	Mizpah	Legh, Denis Ferdinand	Apr. 12, 1951
35	Mizpah	Monteith, John	May 18, 1951
35	Mizpah	Bell, Albert Elgin	July 5, 1951
35	Mizpah	Fawcett, Samuel T.	July 17, 1951
36	Gleichen	Farquharson, William	Apr. 20, 1951
37	Camrose	Horsch, Charles Bert	Jan. 17, 1951
37	Camrose	Adams, Howard Oliver	Nov. 2, 1951
37	Camrose	Borud, Peter	July 1951
39	Lethbridge	Hay, Daniel James	Jan. 21, 1951
39	Lethbridge	Snow, Albert Edward	Feb. 13, 1951
39	Lethbridge	Welch, Maurice Albert	Sept. 7, 1951
41	King Solomon	Brinton, Earle Leon Percival	Mar. 15, 1951
43	Tuscan	McKenzie, Luther R.	May 16, 1951
44	Buffalo Park	Bowerman, Steven	Jan. 6, 1951
44	Buffalo Park	Gano, William R.	Feb. 13, 1951
44	Buffalo Park	McKeage, John	Apr. 30, 1951
44	Buffalo Park	Washburn, William Ebenezer	June 15, 1951
46	Palestine	Bellamy, Walter	Feb. 2, 1951
47	Chinook	Snyder, George F.	Mar. 23, 1951
48	Crossfield	Reeves, Horace James	May 25, 1951
48	Crossfield	Willis, Sydney	Sept. 26, 1951
49	Robert Burns	Owen, Frederick Kirk	Apr. 14, 1951
49	Robert Burns	Parker, Hugh Sibbet	Nov. 20, 1951
50	Comet	Matthews, Frank C.	Nov. 14, 1951
51	Unity	Adam, Thomas Alexander	Jan. 17, 1951
51	Unity	Thomson, John	Jan. 27, 1951
51	Unity	Morris, Cephus Edmund	Apr. 1, 1951
51	Unity	Shaw, Christopher	Apr. 12, 1951
51	Unity	McWhirter, Thomas	May, 22, 1951
51	Unity	McComb, William C.	Sept. 15, 1951
51	Unity	Healey, Albert James	Oct. 8, 1951
53	Strathmore	Crowther, Samuel Henry	June 25, 1951
53	Strathmore	Dobson, Robert Percival	June 24, 1951
53	Strathmore	White, Nelson	Sept, 1, 1951
53	Strathmore	Barber, Chester Woods	Sept. 26, 1951
54	Mt. Lebanon	Parken, Joseph	Mar. 19, 1951
54	Mt. Lebanon	Harvey, Reginald	Apr. 27, 1951
54	Mt. Lebanon	Pattie, David Walker	Sept. 21, 1951
54	Mt. Lebanon	Downing, Richard	Nov. 12, 1951
55	Bassano	Hawkins, Clyde Frederick	June 8, 1951
56	Beaver	Frederickson, Delbert O.	Mar. 13, 1951
56	Beaver	Newsham, Arthur R.	Oct. 16, 1951
57	Grassy Lake	McNevin, William Everet	Mar. 19, 1951
59	King George	Parkinson, Edmund	Jan. 6, 1951
59	King George	Kelly, William Jas.	Apr. 24, 1951
59	King George	Campbell, Robert V.	June 16, 1951
59	King George	Eckford, William D.	July 23, 1951

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59	King George ..	MacPherson, Hugh	Oct. 22, 1951
59	King George ..	Snaith, Lancelet F.	Nov. 13, 1951
62	Melrose	McLeod, John R.	Dec. 1951
63	Empire	Burchiel, Ernest Roy	Apr. 7, 1951
63	Empire	Ledgard, Edward	Apr. 26, 1951
64	Bow Island	Williams, Ray L.	May 25, 1951
65	Diamond City	Cawdron, William	Jan. 10, 1951
65	Diamond City	Black, George	June 9, 1951
66	St. Andrew's	Carter, Charles	June, 8, 1951
66	St. Andrew's	Garrick, William H. S.	Nov. 1951
68	Edson	Jackson, Thomas	May 11, 1951
68	Edson	Burchell, James	June 3, 1951
68	Edson	Congrave, George William C.	Sept. 9, 1951
68	Edson	Dunworth, Charles Edwin	Nov. 22, 1951
68	Edson	McLeod, John Alexander	Dec. 8, 1951
70	Quarry	Gibson, Charles Verdick	Oct. 1, 1951
71	Tawatinaw	Sutherland, Angus Monroe	May 31, 1951
72	Coronation	Clark, Milton S.	May 18, 1951
73	Brooks	Monteith, John	Dec. 23, 1951
73	Brooks	Colbens, Ole	Dec. 18, 1951
74	Vulcan	Dawson, Lorimer Fletcher	Mar. 10, 1951
74	Vulcan	Turley, William Herbert	June 4, 1951
74	Vulcan	Ritchie, William N.	Oct. 14, 1951
74	Vulcan	McIver, Arthur	Dec, 27, 1951
76	Fidelity	Sandin, William	Jan. 1, 1951
77	Strathcona	Horne, Keith Stewart Spencer	Mar. 2, 1951
77	Strathcona	Hill, James	June 6, 1951
77	Strathcona	Hudson, Alfred	Dec, 22, 1951
77	Strathcona	Cottle, George Ernest	July 22, 1951
77	Strathcona	Wilson, Henry Honeywell	Aug. 2, 1951
78	Hanna	Tant, William	Jan. 11, 1951
78	Hanna	Graham, David McGregor	Jan. 20, 1951
78	Hanna	Hamilton, James	Feb. 10, 1951
78	Hanna	Stanley, John	June 7, 1951
78	Hanna	MacDonald, Colin	July 5, 1951
78	Hanna	MacLachlan, Frank Alexander	Oct. 22, 1951
79	Morning Star	Davies, Allen	Apr. 28, 1951
79	Morning Star	Watson, Harold Stanley	May 19, 1951
80	Excelsior	Gold, James H.	Oct. 15, 1951
81	Commercial	Caldwell, Samuel Grenville	Feb, 7, 1951
81	Commercial	Jordan, Alfred Herbert	Mar. 5, 1951
81	Commercial	Beatty, Leonard Gilmour	Mar. 17, 1951
81	Commercial	Dunkley, Charles Theodore	Aug. 8, 1951
81	Commercial	Kells, Robert C.	Oct. 26, 1951
81	Commercial	Bowcott, Sydney John	Nov. 20, 1951
81	Commercial	Flavin, Bruce	Dec. 23, 1951
83	Zetland	Fraine, John Denton	Jan. 10, 1951

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83	Zetland	McPhedran, Norman N.	Jan. 3, 1951
83	Zetland	Fisher, William Walter	Feb. 2, 1951
83	Zetland	Bannister, Frederick Gordon	June 20, 1951
83	Zetland	Reid ,Gilbert Edmund	Aug. 11, 1951
83	Zetland	Higgin, Clifford	Sept. 3, 1951
83	Zetland	Evely, Howard N.	Sept. 24, 1951
83	Zetland	Clandfield, Frederick	Oct. 31, 1951
83	Zetland	Bowes, Victor Albert	Sept. 29, 1951
86	Rocky Mount'n	Gresham, James William	Oct. 22, 1951
87	Crescent	Spry, George	Apr. 8, 1951
88	Wahpun	Williams, Arthur R.	Mar. 6, 1951
89	Peace River	Shumard, John William George	Sept. 29, 1951
90	Norwood	Rydman, Gustav Herman	Jan. 31, 1951
90	Norwood	Paulsen, Elee John	July 26, 1951
90	Norwood	Scarborough, Charles Morton	July 9, 1951
90	Norwood	Towers, James Miller	Oct. 18, 1951
90	Norwood	Bradley, Frederick James	Oct. 10, 1951
90	Norwood	Milne, Gilbert Alexander	Nov. 2, 1951
91	Patricia	Graeme, David Earl	June 7, 1951
91	Patricia	Fox, Albert	July 29, 1951
91	Patricia	Hardisty, Henry E.	Oct. 9, 1951
91	Patricia	Tinkley, Frederick Wm.	Sept. 27, 1951
92	Saskatchewan	Peterson, Frank Anderson	June 3, 1951
92	Saskatchewan	Plasteras, George	July 3, 1951
93	Symbol	Watson, John William	May 19, 1951
93	Symbol	Leyshon, Merlin Percival	June 10, 1951
95	Kitchener	Douglas, Ray Henry	Nov. 11, 1951
96	Dynamic	McGee, Arthur	Dec. 3, 1951
97	Albion	Montjoy, Joseph Alfred	Dec. 15, 1951
100	Century	Campbell, John Alexander	Nov. 8, 1951
101	W. Edmonton	Carlson, Gottfrid	Apr. 9, 1951
101	W. Edmonton	Frew, Alexander McPhail	June 11, 1951
101	W. Edmonton	Couch, Thomas William	July 14, 1951
101	W. Edmonton	Bourne, Thomas Shellington	Jan. 28, 1951
102	Edgerton	Brown, Harold Richard	Sept. 13, 1951
103	Foremost	Littlepaig, Glen Earl	Dec. 9, 1951
104	Oyen	Bain, Alexander	June 22, 1951
104	Oyen	McQuarrie, John Cecil	Oct. 12, 1951
107	Carbon	Sherring, Edward Wilfred G.	Sept. 12, 1951
107	Carbon	Levens, William Hiram	Oct. 12, 1951
116	Spirit River	Innes, Alexander	July 20, 1951
117	Dominion	Murray, Angus	May 4, 1951
117	Dominion	Templeman, Henry Hutchinson	June 13, 1951
118	St. Mark's	Hunt, Riley	Jan. 11, 1951
118	St. Mark's	Hill, Andrew	Feb. 28, 1951
118	St. Mark's	Eborall, John Thomas	May 23, 1951
118	St. Mark's	Reid, Sydney C.	Sept. 30, 1951

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118	St. Mark's	Buckle, Fredrick	Dec. 7, 1951
119	York	Henry, William Robert	Aug. 24, 1951
120	Monitor	McGirr, Frank Ogeal	Dec. 24, 1951
124	Concord	Riley, Harold Houndsfield	Sept. 2, 1951
125	Cavell	Bathgate, Andrew	Feb. 1, 1951
125	Cavell	Hodges, Fredk Boiston	
125	Cavell	Glenn, Hervey Clarence	Oct. 9, 1951
126	Pembina	Johnston, John	Nov. 7, 1951
133	Manyberries	Holdershaw, George Richard	Jan. 21, 1951
133	Manyberries	Burr, Charles E.	Nov. 28, 1951
134	Renfrew	Pierce, Joshua William John	Jan. 13, 1951
134	Renfrew	Robinson, Robert John	July 18, 1951
134	Renfrew	Flynn, Fred	Nov. 6, 1951
135	Alliance	Hodgson, John Cameron	Aug. 4, 1951
142	Ivanhoe	Chatham, Herbert Edgar	Jan. 7, 1951
142	Ivanhoe	Glenwright, John Wilson	Jan. 15, 1951
143	Jasper Park	Skett, George William	Feb. 12, 1951
143	Jasper Park	McGuire, Arthur Fenton	Nov. 3, 1951
144	Gratton	Skiles, Ina Taft	Apr. 15, 1951
146	Drumheller	Gourlay, William Nelson	Apr. 13, 1951
146	Drumheller	Moyer, Fred Clare	May 21, 1951
146	Drumheller	Codner, Charles Hiram G.	Nov. 3, 1951
147	Northland	Forgie, John David	July 23, 1951
147	Northland	Gerrard, Robert J.	Dec. 21, 1951
151	Lochearn	Strong, William John Talbot	Nov. 12, 1951
153	Whitecourt	Ranton, William Kellog	May 27, 1951
157	Sharon	Graham, John Edward	Jan. 22, 1950
158	Berry Creek	Knox, Robert Smith	Mar. 13, 1951
160	Sexsmith	Beattie, John	Sept. 22, 1951
160	Sexsmith	Spry, Walter	Oct. 26, 1951
161	Empress	Macartney, William Henry	Feb. 7, 1951
162	Yellowknife	Muir, Allen Kenneth	Sept. 9, 1951
162	Yellowknife	Totzke, Albert Fredrick	Oct. 18, 1951
163	An. Landmark	Ross, Clair Arneld	Feb. 16, 1951
163	An. Landmark	Dwyer, John Russell	Sept. 27, 1951
U.D.	Evergreen	Norris, Thomas	Sept. 14, 1951

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No.	Lodge	Name
1	Bow River	Brown, Thomas George
1	Bow River	Parrott, Frederick
1	Bow River	Newton, Albert Edward
5	Cascade	Morris, Edward Gregory
5	Cascade	Lewis, Thomas Edward
7	Edmonton	Frazer, Eric Francis
7	Edmonton	Robinson, George Patrick
8	Innisfail	Johnson, Stephen K.
10	Eureka	McWilliams, James William David
12	Red Deer	MacLeod, Angus Hugh
12	Red Deer	Bloom, J. A.
15	Wetaskiwon	Lindskog, Earl V.
19	Cornerstone	McKay, Donald Peter
19	Cornerstone	Carlyle, William Levi
19	Cornerstone	Blain, Mark Joseph
19	Cornerstone	Farris, Angus Sinclair
19	Cornerstone	Purvis, Neil McLean
19	Cornerstone	Smale, George Colwell
19	Cornerstone	Vinje, Salmer Benard
20	Carstairs	Fox, Lloyd Vernon
20	Carstairs	Fisher, Milton
20	Carstairs	Laughlin, Roy I.
21	King Hiram	Brinton, Paul DeWitt
23	Calgary	Oakley, Robert Kelland
23	Calgary	Stata, Hetherington Smith
23	Calgary	Hollingworth, Clarence Jordon
23	Calgary	Murdoch, Ernest St. John Charles
24	Vermilion	Wilson, John Soring
24	Vermilion	Wiebe, John
25	St. John's	Coombs, Samuel
26	Sentinel	Ironmonger, Samuel
26	Sentinel	Halton, David W.
26	Sentinel	McDonald, Edwin Maker
27	Apollo	Ransom, Wayne
29	Kenilworth	Gidman, William Ogden
29	Kenilworth	Smith, William John
29	Kenilworth	Snell, Sidney Francis
31	Doric	Fleming, Milo Dana
32	Cairo	O'Neil James Jesse
33	Stavely	Angel, Horace Murray
38	Hope	Fowler, David
44	Buffalo Park	Ryan, Stanley H.
46	Palestine	Duckfield, William James
49	Robert Burns	Fowler, Hugh Augustus
49	Robert Burns	Chilton, William Harold Frederick
51	Unity	Hogan, William Kenneth
51	Unity	Pickard, Oliver Munro
59	King George	Hopkins, Allan
59	King George	Standing, I. A.

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59	King George	Pauling, George F.
59	King George	Allen, Marion Leroy
59	King George	Black, Amos H.
59	King George	Boyce, Alfred G.
59	King George	Bunn, Harvey R.
59	King George	Crozier, Marshall S.
59	King George	Matthews, Henry F.
59	King George	Moor, William
59	King George	McLean, George Mc
59	King George	Ness, Alex
59	King George	John Reid
63	Empire	Patten, Leslie Harold
63	Empire	Branchflower, Cedric Norman
63	Empire	Hart, William Henry
63	Empire	Christopherson, John
66	St. Andrew's	Johnson, George
68	Edson	Knight, Hugh Johnston
78	Hanna	McDonald, Anthony Donald
80	Excelsior	Hatten, George
82	Acadia	Laughlin, John Carrol
86	Rocky Mountain	Kerr, Robert George
88	Wahpun	Sigurdson, Lawrence
88	Wahpun	Faulkner, James W.
89	Peace River	Johnson, Helge Arthur
89	Peace River	Rogers, Eric L.
90	Norwood	Millar, Robert Archiblad
90	Norwood	Pitchie, Peter Douglas
91	Patricia	Knight, Eric Glencoe
91	Patricia	McLaren, Walter Robertson
94	Lamont	Pearce, Maurice Eldon
101	West Edmonton	Kay, Leonard
101	West Edmonton	Cochrane, Harry W.
104	Oyen	Gillespie, Stanley N.
104	Oyen	Soland, Norman
104	Oyen	Peers, Albert McKim
111	Nobleford	Prendergast, Clarke Gaines
111	Nobleford	Hunt, Raymond George
111	Nobleford	Todd, Robert Mann
111	Nobleford	Huntrods, Harold Eustace
114	Westlock	Horrocks, Wilfred
115	Crocus	Cooley, John E.
105	Grande Prairie	Thompson, John Bosdet
116	Spirit River	Bolster, Wayne Ellwood
117	Dominion	Phillips, John
117	Dominion	Robson, Charles A.
117	Dominion	Atkinson, Joshua
124	Concord	Campbell, Douglas Archibald
124	Concord	Johnston, Samuel Donald
127	Granite	Abernethy, Lawrence S.
129	Meridian	Robertson, Thomas
129	Meridian	Broadstock, William Fred
129	Meridian	Jamieson, Stanley
129	Meridian	Oulton, C. B.

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No.	Lodge	Name
129	Meridian	Tyrell, N. D.
129	Meridian	Freifeld, Leon
129	Meridian	Messenger, John
129	Meridian	Wight, Lawrence
138	Onoway	Almond, Joseph Latham
138	Onoway	Parker, Mearle Roche
138	Onoway	White, James
143	Jasper Park	McComas, Frank Archibald
143	Jasper Park	Reid, Samuel
151	Lochearn	Scott, Lawrence Kenneth
156	Hythe	Spence, Henry Livingstone
157	Sharon	Tichler, Richard

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Nil.

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No.	Lodge	Name	Date
1	Bow River	Dickson, George R.	Apr. 30, 1951
1	Bow River	Walker, Wellington P.	May 2, 1951
1	Bow River	McRitchie, D. A.	Oct. 1951
7	Edmonton	Heeley, William G.	Nov. 13, 1951
7	Edmonton	Thompson, James Henry	Nov. 13, 1951
8	Innisfail	Johnson, Stephen K.	Nov. 11, 1951
9	Perfection	Smith, Seth T.	Sept. 18, 1951
10	Eureka	Puffer, Lloyd Wellington	Mar. 8, 1951
10	Eureka	Sharp, Hugh Archibald	June 21, 1951
11	Acacia	Stewart, Russell Wesley	Oct. 11, 1951
13	Victoria	Moody, George Alexander	Sept 12, 1951
13	Victoria	Davies, Fred Thomson	May 5, 1951
13	Victoria	Milne, Angus Scott	Oct. 9, 1951
14	Jasper	Giles, Percy Charlie	Dec. 31, 1951
18	Britannia	Smith, Thomas Charles	Sept 12, 1951
18	Britannia	Westgate, Frank	Feb. 6, 1951
19	Cornerstone	Mooney, Wilmer	Apr. 19, 1951
19	Cornerstone	Fowler, Alden S. Herbert	Oct. 18, 1951
22	Corinthian	Speers, William C.	Jan. 1, 1951
24	Vermilion	Wiebe, John	July 11, 1951
24	Vermilion	Wilson, John Soring	Mar. 14, 1951
25	St. John's	Ryan, Stanley Howard	Nov. 5, 1951
26	Sentinel	Berry, Wilfred William	Apr. 23, 1951
28	Ashlar	Booth, Alfred C. T.	Nov. 24, 1951
36	Gleichen	Sharpe, Frank Chantler	Feb. 6, 1951
38	Hope	Shunk, Angus L.	Apr. 9, 1951
39	Lethbridge	Rosewarn, James Albert	Mar. 15, 1951
39	Lethbridge	Thomas, Frank Henry Ward	Mar. 15, 1951
40	Joppa	Whinnery, Eldon Dewey	Mar 8, 1951
46	Palestine	Duckfield, William James	Dec. 31, 1950
51	Unity	Wilcock, Charles Edward	Mar. 6, 1951
66	St. Andrew's	McArthur, William Currie	June 14, 1951
67	Charity	McLaine, John Warren	Nov. 19, 1951
81	Commercial	Patterson, William	June 2, 1951
83	Zetland	Sewell, James Griffith	Apr. 5, 1951
86	Rocky Mountain	Harper, Elmer Arthur	Jan. 9, 1951
86	Rocky Mountain	Barnhill, Robert Nesbitt	May 18, 1951
86	Rocky Mountain	Whitehead, John William	Feb. 24, 1951
90	Norwood	Dewar, John R.	May 1, 1951
91	Patricia	Cramer, Robert David	May 18, 1951
91	Patricia	Sundahl, Otto	Apr. 20, 1951
92	Saskatchewan	Wayne, Addison Lockwood	Dec. 13, 1951
93	Symbol	Jones, Ernest William	Mar. 8, 1951
108	Pyramid	Becktel, Cyrus Ralph	May 15, 1951
124	Concord	Ferguson, Archie	Sept 8, 1951
131	Kitscoty	Grant, John	Jan. 16, 1951
136	Cresset	Grant, Marshall Nelson	Apr. 16, 1951
140	Big Valley	Ruskin, Harold	June 26, 1951
140	Big Valley	Olson, Olaf	Dec. 4, 1951
151	Lochearn	Brown, Theodore W. Earl	Jan. 1, 1951

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No.	Lodge	SECRETARY	ADDRESS	REGULAR MEETING
1.	Bow River	E. W Thomas	909 - 4th Ave. N W., Calgary	First Wednesday in each month.
2.	Medicine Hat	W H Williams	406 Dundee St., Medicine Hat	Second Tuesday in each month.
3.	Alberta	G. S. Cooper	Macleod	Third Wednesday in each month
4.	North Star	E Faunch	P O. Box No. 402, Lethbridge	Second Friday in each month.
5.	Cascade	W A. Alexander	P O. Box No 70, Banff	Second Thursday in each month
6.	Spitzie	Laurie W. Blackburn	Pincher Creek	First Tuesday in each month.
7.	Edmonton	John S. Parker	Box 34, Edmonton	Second Tuesday in each month
8	Innisfail	John L. Letcher	Innisfail	Third Thursday in each month.
9.	Perfection	Beverly Mannix	321 - 33rd Ave. S.W , Calgary	Third Tuesday in each month.
10.	Eureka	Gilbert T. Jackson	Lacombe	Second Thursday in each month.
11.	Acacia	K. W McTavish	9844 - 84th Ave., Edmonton	Second Thursday in each month.
12.	Red Deer	A. J. N. Chamberlin	5016 - 51st Ave , Red Deer	Second Tuesday in each month.
13.	Victoria	F. H. Walton	Fort Saskatchewan	Second Tuesday in each month
14.	Jasper	H. B. Fowler	10751 - 80th Avenue. Edmonton	Second Monday in each month.
15.	Wetaskiwin	Harry G. Smith	Box No. 398, Wetaskiwin	Third Thursday in each month
16.	Mountain View	Fred Barber	Olds	First Monday in each month.
17.	Nanton	W. H. Allan	Box No. 57, Nanton	Second Thursday in each month.
18.	Britannia	Charles Plant	Ponoka	First Wednesday in each month
19.	Cornerstone	J. F. Casteel	High River	Third Thursday in each month.
20.	Carstairs	George R. Shaw	P.O. Box No. 431, Carstairs	Second Thursday in each month.
21.	King Hiram	H. Morgan	Didsbury	Second Tuesday in each month.
22.	Corinthian	A. Collins	Black Diamond	First Tuesday in each month.
23.	Calgary	C. H. Westmore	113 - 8th St. N.W., Calgary	First Friday in each month.
24.	Vermilion	H. J. Payne	Vermilion	First Tuesday in each month
25	St. John's	John F. Leach	Vegreville	First Monday in each month.
26.	Sentinel	Fred Padgett	Bellevue	Second Thursday in each month
27.	Apollo	H. Richardson	Stettler	First Monday in each month.
28.	Ashlar	Chas. W. J. Blomfield	313 - 10A St. N.W., Calgary	Second Thursday in each month
29.	Kenilworth	John Mennie	P.O. Box 1, Red Deer	First Tuesday in each month.
30.	Summit	M. W. Cooke	Coleman	First Thursday in each month.
31.	Doric	Arthur H. Avery	Taber	Second Tuesday in each month.
32.	Cairo	Clarence W. Carney	Claresholm	Third Tuesday in each month
33.	Stavely	A. C. Patterson	Stavely	First Tuesday in each month.
34.	Star of the West	Peter Wyllie	Leduc	First Tuesday in each month.
35.	Mizpah	Jas. Henderson	Ste. 22 View Court, Medicine Hat	Third Tuesday in each month
36.	Gleichen	Rev. Wm. Morrison	Gleichen	First Tuesday in each month
37.	Camrose	M. W. McDonnell	Camrose	Second Thursday in each month
38.	Hope	C G. Torrance	Mannville	Second Monday in each month
39.	Lethbridge	Chris. Gibson	1106 - 7th Ave. South, Lethbridge	Third Thursday in each month
40.	Joppa	H. Gray	Claresholm	Second Thursday in each month.

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41	King Solomon	S Peverell	Cochrane	Third Thursday in each month.
42	Bowden	D Murray	Bowden	Second Tuesday in each month
43.	Tuscan	W. G. Gair	Killam	First Wednesday in each month.
44	Buffalo Park	W. E. Riome	Wainwright	Second Thursday in each month.
45.	Ionic	C. A. Thorp	Alix	Second Thursday in each month.
46	Palestine	Graham Allen	Tofield	Third Tuesday in each month.
47.	Chinook	A. T Gray	Cowley	Third Monday in each month.
48.	Crossfield	K. C Neil	Airdrie	Second Tuesday in each month
49.	Robert Burns	F. J. Whitmarsh	Carmangay	Second Monday in each month
50.	Comet	W. H. McPherson	Hardisty	Second Thursday in each month
51.	Unity	J Booth	11212 - 69th Street, Edmonton	First Tuesday in each month.
13.	Strathmore	H. C. Wilson	Strathmore	First Monday in each month.
54.	Mount Lebanon	W J. Harwood	820 - 19th Ave. N.W., Calgary	Second Tuesday in each month.
55.	Bassano	Sam Moss	P.O. Box No. 237, Bassano	Second Thursday in each month.
56.	Beaver	T. A. Marshall	Castor	First Wednesday in each month.
57.	Grassy Lake	Mark Hancock	Grassy Lake	Second Thursday in each month.
58.	Chief Mountain	K. E. Walter	P.O. Box No. 127, Cardston	Third Tuesday in each month.
59.	King George	T. B. Donald	1126 Kensington Rd., Calgary	Second Friday in each month.
60.	Acme	J. C. Smith	P.O. Box No. 171, Acme	Thursday, on or before full moon
61.	Provost	Stuart J. Dodsworth	Provost	Third Wednesday in each month.
62.	Melrose	H. E. Molstad	Bawlf	Third Thursday in each month.
63.	Empire	T Jones	11015 - 75th Street, Edmonton	Third Monday in each month.
64.	Bow Island	William Calder	P.O. Box No. 18, Bow Island	Third Wednesday in each month.
65.	Diamond City	Frank H. Fuller	Kipp	First Thursday in each month.
66.	St. Andrews	W. T. Paterson	Trochu	Second Thursday in each month.
67.	Charity	Albert Wright	1203 - 6th Ave South, Lethbridge	Third Monday in each month.
68.	Edson	A. H. Dakin	P.O. Box No. 110, Edson	First Thursday in each month.
69.	Connaught	Fred B. Relshus	Viking	Second Thursday in each month.
70.	Quarry	J. W Pickering	Redcliff	First Tuesday in each month.
71.	Tawatinaw	Donald Stephenson	Athabasca	Second Wednesday in each month
72.	Coronation	M. R. Butterfield	Coronation	Second Thursday in each month.
73.	Brooks	C. C. Stephen	Brooks	Third Tuesday in each month.
74	Vulcan	D. D. McQueen	Vulcan	First Tuesday in each month.
75.	Harmony	C. E. Blakeney	Sedgewick	Second Monday in each month.
76.	Fidelity	Jas. A Marshall	P.O. Box No. 519, Bashaw	Second Tuesday in each month.
77.	Strathcona	Harry C. Neil	10907 - 80th Ave., Edmonton	Second Friday in each month.
78	Hanna	R. L Wood	P.O. Box No. 305, Hanna	First Monday in each month.
79.	Morning Star	D. T. Walmsley	Lougheed	Third Thursday in each month.
80.	Excelsior	H. V. Phipps	Box 35, Strome	First Thursday in each month.
81.	Commercial	Robert Shortreed	1117 83rd Ave., Edmonton	First Saturday in each month.
82.	Acadia	J. Williams	Youngstown	Tuesday, on or before full moon.
83.	Zetland	Geo. Cromie	206 Anderson Apts., Calgary	First Thursday in each month.
84.	Champion	Ernest D. Nowlin	Champion	Second Thursday in each month.

No.	Lodge	SECRETARY	ADDRESS	REGULAR MEETING
86.	Rocky Mountain	E A. Harper	Blairmore	Second Tuesday in each month.
87.	Crescent	J. C. Redman	1819 Centre St. N., Calgary	Second Tuesday in each month.
88.	Wahpun	E. J. Becker	High Prairie	Second Thursday in each month.
89.	Peace River	T. A. Norris	Peace River, Alta.	First Thursday in each month.
90.	Norwood	R. Barson	12224 - 94th St., Edmonton	First Tuesday in each month
91.	Patricia	J. L Mellish	Box 491, Edmonton	Third Friday in each month.
92.	Saskatchewan	George W. Emery	12613 - 107 Ave., Edmonton	Second Thursday in each month.
93.	Symbol	John E. Taylor	P.O. Box No. 44, Drumheller	Second Thursday in each month.
94.	Lamont	R. H Shears	Lamont	Second Monday in each month.
95.	Kitchener	H. N. Taylor	Rimbey	First Tuesday in each month.
96.	Dynamic	H. S. Beveridge	Holden	First Wednesday in each month.
97.	Albion	Irving E. Neil	Chauvin	First Thursday in each month.
98.	Hand Hill	J. H Brunner	Delia	Wednesday, on or before full moon.
100.	Century	W. P. Erickson	Milk River	Third Tuesday in each month.
101.	West Edmonton	R. T. Martins	7202 - 112th St., Edmonton	First Wednesday in each month.
102	Edgerton	R. J. Snyder	Edgerton	First Tuesday in each month.
103.	Foremost	R. R. Wallman	Foremost	First Wednesday in each month.
104.	Oyen	H J. Hall	Oyen	First Tuesday in each month.
105.	Grande Prairie	W. H. Figgures	Grande Prairie	Second Thursday in each month
106.	Lake Saskatoon	R. C. Newcom	Wembley	First Thursday in each month.
107.	Carbon	W. A. Braisher	Carbon	Tuesday, on or before full moon
108.	Pyramid	S. G. Craig	Lomond	Third Tuesday in each month.
111.	Nobleford	Leslie Baxter	P.O. Box No. 118, Barons	Second Tuesday in each month.
113.	Cyprus	Wm. Harte	Box 95, Three Hills	Third Wednesday in each month.
114.	Westlock	W J McCullough	P O. Box No. 5, Westlock	First Thursday in each month.
115.	Crocus	R V. Lawrence	Chinook	Wednesday, on or after full moon
116.	Spirit River	J M. Fildes	Spirit River	Third Monday in each month.
117.	Dominion	E. Foster	10124 - 120th St., Edmonton	Second Wednesday in each month.
118.	St. Mark's	Geo. A. J. Bracken	133 - 15th Avenue East, Calgary	Second Monday in each month.
119.	York	Geo. A. Thompson	Box 301, Lethbridge	First Tuesday in each month.
120.	Monitor	Austin P. Henry	Consort	Second Monday in each month.
123.	Rockyford	J. M. Tomte	Rockyford	Fourth Monday in each month.
124.	Concord	Gilbert Tremeer	314 - 26th Ave. W., Calgary	First Saturday in each month.
125.	Cavell	J. Y. Greenwood	Lousana	Third Monday in each month.
126.	Pembina	Robt. A. Conrad	Sangudo	First Monday in each month.
127.	Granite	Geo. Irvine Scott	Blackie	First Wednesday in each month.
128	Forestburg	Wm. Smith, Jr.	Forestburg	Fourth Wednesday in each month
129.	Meridian	Frank Krause	Stony Plain	Second Wednesday in each month.
130.	Hussar	H. W. Douglas	Hussar	Second Monday in each month.
131.	Kitscoty	J. G. Inglis	Kitscoty	Tuesday, on or before full moon.
132.	Craigmyle	J. E. Derry	Craigmyle	Second Tuesday in each month.
133	Manyberries	J. M. Underdahl	Manyberries	Third Thursday in each month

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134.	Renfrew	C. S. B. Lait	Masonic Temple, Calgary — Second Monday in each month.
135.	Alliance	Paul R. Elliott	Alliance — Fourth Monday in each month.
136.	Cresset	Peter J. Asplund	Barons — Third Monday in each month.
137.	Irricana	Walter A. Anderson	Kathryn — Third Tuesday in each month.
138.	Onoway	Edward A. Dixon	Onoway — First Wednesday in each month.
140.	Big Valley	Frank Dewar	Big Valley — First Tuesday in each month.
141.	Efficiency	J. H. Cochrane	Hughenden — First Monday in each month.
142.	Ivanhoe	J. Madill	10178 - 118th St., Edmonton — Third Thursday in each month.
143.	Jasper Park	Harold M. Hamilton	P.O. Box No. 247, Jasper — Second Thursday in each month.
144.	Gratton	E. H. Targett	Irma — Third Thursday in each month.
145.	St. Alban's	W. G. Fuller	St. Paul — Fourth Saturday in each month.
146.	Drumheller	W. H. D. Anderson	P.O. Box No. 813, Drumheller — Third Tuesday in each month.
147.	Northland	R. S. Chapman	Fairview — Second Tuesday in each month.
148.	Mayerthorpe	A. M. Loucks	Mayerthorpe — Second Tuesday in each month.
151.	Lochearn	A. W. Brockman	Rocky Mountain House — Second Thursday in each month.
152.	Standard	F. D. Knowlton	Standard — Third Monday in each month.
153.	Whitecourt	D. R. Harvey	Whitecourt — First Thursday in each month.
154.	Waskatenau	H. Lunn	Waskatenau — First Wednesday in each month.
156.	Hythe	Albert H. Abbott	Beaverlodge — Last Thursday in each month.
157.	Sharon	Nick Christ	Picture Butte — Fourth Wednesday in each month.
158.	Berry Creek	John A. Lukey	Sunnynook — Fourth Wednesday in each month.
159.	Lucerne	George Macindoe	Vauxhall — First Tuesday in each month.
160.	Sexsmith	E. M. Wegren	Sexsmith — First Tuesday in each month.
161.	Empress	David Lush	Empress — Last Thursday in each month.
162.	Yellowknife	James Major	Yellowknife, N.W.T. — First Wednesday in each month.
163.	Ancient Landmark	Howard Conway	Mirror — First Thursday in each month.
164	Gateway	Harold A. Chowne	Ste. 10. 10030 Jasper Ave. — Second Thursday in each month
165.	Canada	L. E. McKay	1401 - 3rd St. N.W., Calgary — Second Wednesday in each month
166.	Evergreen	A. A. Marr	14810 - 103rd Ave., Edmonton — First Monday in each month.
U.D.	Temple	John S. Parker	14419 - 101st Ave., Edmonton — Second Friday in each month.
U.D.	Highlands	H. W. Lovell	Elk Point — Third Tuesday in each month.
U.D.	St. George's	Dr. F. G. Miller	11912 - 70th St , Edmonton — Second Tuesday in each month .
U.D.	Avon Glen.	H B. Fowler	10751 - 80th Ave., Edmonton — First Wednesday in each month.

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			Initiated	Passed	Raised			Dimitted	N. P. D.	U. M. C.	Died			
1	Bow River	235	7	11	11	..	3	2	3	..	5	235	..	..
2	Medicine Hat	301	13	13	14	1	..	..	..	..	10	305	4	.
3	Alberta	106	6	6	6	1	..	2	..	..	2	109	3	..
4	North Star	212	9	8	8	6	..	2	..	..	5	220	8	..
5	Cascade	173	9	9	8	3	..	..	2	..	5	178	5	..
*6	Spitzie	113	4	5	5	..	..	.	..	..	3	114	1	..
7	Edmonton	370	15	14	13	4	2	5	2	..	5	379	9	..
8	Innisfail	100	4	4	4	3	1	1	1	..	2	104	4	..
*9	Perfection	400	14	10	10	6	1	3	.	..	9	409	9	..
10	Eureka	111	3	6	6	1	2	3	1	..	1	112	1	..
11	Acacia	344	22	20	22	11	1	8		..	5	365	21	..
12	Red Deer	147	4	4	5	3	.	4	2	..	1	147	..	..
13	Victoria	48	8	3	3	2	3	1	..	..	1	59	11	..
14	Jasper	137	10	10	10	.	1	1	.	..	1	146	9	..
15	Wetaskiwin	122	2	2	2	3	..	2	1	.	2	122	..	..
16	Mountain View	105	1	1	1			3	..	..	..	103		2
17	Nanton	102	1	1	4	1	..	..	..	..	3	101		1
*18	Britannia	92	3	3	3	5	2	2	..	.	5	95	3	..
*19	Cornerstone	155	6	6	8	3	2		7	..	4	155	.	..
20	Carstairs	55	1	2	2	2	..	7	3	..	.	48	.	7
*21	King Hiram	91	5	5	5	2	.	7	1	..	2	88	..	3
22	Corinthian	163	7	4	4	.	1	2	..	..	2	167	4	..
23	Calgary	190	9	10	10	2	..	4	4	..	3	190	..	..
24	Vermilion	144	10	8	8	1	2	4	2	.	.	151	7	.
*25	St. John's	98	4	4	4	2	1	5	1	..	2	97	..	1
*26	Sentinel	82	6	2	2	1	1	2	3	..	1	84	2	..
27	Apollo	96	5	5	5	6	.	2	1	..	3	101	5	.
28	Ashlar	166	10	12	12	1	1	3	..	..	6	169	3	..
29	Kenilworth	131	6	6	4	3	..	5	3	..	..	132	1	..
30	Summit	79	6	5	5	..	..	2	..	..	3	80	1	..
31	Doric	84	2	3	3	2	..	.	1	..	1	86	2	..
32	Cairo	100	3	2	3	1	..	..	1	..	..	103	3	..
33	Stavely	54	4	2	3	..	..	.	1	..	..	57	3	..
34	Star of the West	75	4	4	3	2	..	4	..		.	77	2	..
35	Mizpah	200	6	6	6	1	..	2	..	..	5	200	..	..
36	Gleichen	84	5	4	6	..	1	1	.	..	1	88	4	..
37	Camrose	115	5	5	5	4	.	1	..	..	3	120	5	..
38	Hope	62	6	6	6	20	1	..	1	..	.	88	26	..
39	Lethbridge	207	6	9	8	9	2	3	..	..	3	218	11	..
40	**Joppa**	**41**	..	..	..	..	**1**	**1**	..	..	..	**41**	.	..
41	**King Solomon**	**63**	**5**	**2**	**2**	..	..	..	..	..	**1**	**67**	**4**	..

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*42	Bowden	58	2	2	2							60	2	
43	Tuscan	50	1	1	1						1	50		
44	Buffalo Park	82	6	5	5	1			1		4	84	2	
*45	Ionic	37			1			2				35		2
46	Palestine	60	2	1	1	1	1		1		1	62	2	
47	Chinook	30			1			1			1	28		2
48	Crossfield	68	8	8	5	1					2	75	7	
49	Robert Burns	46			1			2	2		2	40		6
50	Comet	55	2	1	1	1		1			1	56	1	
51	Unity	390	15	14	14	2	5	3	2		7	400	10	
53	Strathmore	135	3	3	5	1		2			4	133		2
54	Mount Lebanon	198	11	10	9						4	205	7	
55	Bassano	88	5	5	5			1			1	91	3	
56	Beaver	51	1	1		1		1			2	50		1
57	Grassy Lake	56									1	55		1
*58	Chief Mountain	55	2	2	2	1		1				57	2	
:59	King George	315	11	11	18	5		5	13		6	307		8
:60	Acme	51	7	7	4			2				56	5	
*61	Provost	58	1	1	3	3						62	4	
62	Melrose	67	1	1	1						1	67		
.63	Empire	130	16	13	13	1		3	4		2	138	8	
.64	Bow Island	58	2								1	59	1	
65	Diamond City	39	1	1	1						2	38		1
66	St. Andrew's	69	2	2	2		1	5	1		2	64		5
67	Charity	86	5	5	9	2	1	2	3			89	3	
:68	Edson	206	11	17	18	1		3	1		5	209	3	
69	Connaught	51	5	5	2			1				55	4	
70	Quarry	38	1	1	1	2					1	40	2	
71	Tawatinaw	61	3	1	1	2					1	65	4	
72	Coronation	74	9	9	7			2			1	80	6	
73	Brooks	130	1	3	3	4					2	133	3	
74	Vulcan	92	5	4	3	1		2			4	92		
75	Harmony	45	1	2	2			1				45		
76	Fidelity	87	4	5	5			3			1	87		
77	Strathcona	189	7	6	6	3		3			5	191	2	
78	Hanna	115	5	6	6	5		1	1		6	117	2	
79	Morning Star	49		1	1						2	47		2
80	Excelsior	26		1					1		1	24		2
81	Commercial	213	18	18	18	2	1	1			7	226	13	
82	Acadia	46	3	2	2			1	1			47	1	
83	Zetland	268	10	6	13	2	1	4			9	268		
84	Champion	58	3	3	3	1						62	4	

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86	Rocky Mountain	69	5	5	5	1	3	.	1		1	76	7	.
87	Crescent	255	9	9	9	6		4	..		1	265	10	
88	Wahpun	62	5	3	2	.	.	3	2		1	61		1
89	Peace River	115	8	4	5	1	.	6	2		1	115		.
90	Norwood	188	20	21	21	4	1		2	.	6	205	17	.
91	Patricia	225	9	10	8	1	2	6	2	..	4	225		.
92	Saskatchewan	156	12	13	6	1	1	.	.	.	2	168	12	.
92	Symbol	169	2	2	2	2	1	4		.	2	168		1
94	Lamont	56	3	3	4	1	..	1	1			58	2	..
95	Kitchener	36	1	1	1	2		1			1	37	1	.
96	Dynamic	46	4	4	3			1			1	48	2	.
97	Albion	42	1	1	2	1		2			1	41		1
98	Hand Hill	78			.	1	.		.	.		79		.
*100	Century	95	6	3	4	1	.	.	.		1	101	6	.
*101	West Edmonton	181	8	15	15	2		1	2	.	4	184	3	.
102	Edgerton	52	1	2	2	1		1	2		1	50		2
103	Foremost	61		1	1			1	..		1	59		2
104	Oyen	92	4	5	5			4	3		2	87		5
105	Grande Prairie	116	8	7	6	3		9	1			117	1	.
106	Lake Saskatoon	41	.	..	..	.						41		..
107	Carbon	67	3	3	3	1		.			2	69	2	.
108	Pyramid	36	.	..	..	.	1	2	.	.		35	.	1
111	Nobleford	29	3	3	3		.	1	4	.		27		2
113	Cyprus	50	..	..	..	1	.	1	.	.	.	50		..
114	Westlock	104	3	3	6	1	.		1			107	3	.
115	Crocus	35	1	1	.	.		1	1			34		1
116	Spirit River	76	2	1	1	1	.	1	1		1	76		.
117	Dominion	163	13	13	13	3	..	2	3		2	172	9	.
118	St. Mark's	156	19	21	22	4		4	.	.	5	170	14	.
119	York	156	10	10	7	3	..	1	.	..	1	167	11	..
*120	Monitor	45	4	4	..	..	..	1		..	1	47	2	..
123	Rockyford	59	2	2	2	..	.	1		..	.	60	1	..
124	Concord	198	20	20	20	4	1	3	2	..	1	217	19	.
125	Cavell	58	..	..	..	2		..	..	.	4	56		2
126	Pembina	39	1	1	1	.	..	..	.	..	1	39		.
127	Granite	82	5	..	..	..	..	1	1	.	..	85	3	..
128	Forestburg	52	2	1	1	3	..	.	.	..		57	5	.
*129	Meridian	69	5	5	5	1	.		8	.	..	67	.	2
130	Hussar	52	3	3	3	.	..	..	.	..	..	55	3	..
131	Kitscoty	59	1	1	1	.	1	..	..	..	..	61	2	
132	Craigmyle	45	1	1	1	1	.	1	..	..		46	1	
133	Manyberries	41	..	..	..	.	..	2	..	..	2	37		4

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134	Renfrew	190	14	12	13	9	..	2	.	.	3	208	18	..
135	Alliance	46	..			.	.	2		.	1	43	..	3
136	Cresset	37	3	3	3	2	1	1			.	42	5	..
137	Irricana	66	8	5	5			1	..	.	.	73	7	
*138	Onoway	42	2	2	2			1	3	.		40	..	2
140	Big Valley	68	2	3	3	..	2	2	..	..	.	70	2	..
141	Efficiency	51	3	2	3		..		..	.	..	54	3	..
142	Ivanhoe	199	11	10	11	5		2		.	2	211	12	.
143	Jasper Park	121	7	7	7	3			2		2	127	6	.
144	Gratton	36	8	7	7			.			1	43	7	..
145	St. Alban's	61	9	9	6	3	.	1	.	.	.	72	11	..
146	Drumheller	113	1	1	4	2				.	3	113	.	.
147	Northland	91	4	2	6		.			..	2	93	2	
148	Mayerthorpe	42	1	1	1	..	.	..	..	..	.	43	1	..
151	Lochearn	93	6	8	9	1	1	.	1		1	99	6	.
152	Standard	45	.	.		..	.	1	..	..		44	1	.
153	Whitecourt	47	1	1	1			3		.	1	44	..	3
154	Waskatenau	33	4	3	3	2	..	2	.	.	..	37	4	..
165	Hythe	62	7	7	4	1	.	3	1	..		66	4	..
157	Sharon	46	2	3	3	..	..	.	1	.	1	46	.	.
158	Berry Creek	48	1	1			.			.	1	48	.	.
159	Lucerne	41	4	2	2							45	4	..
160	Sexsmith	49	3	3	3			1		.	2	49	.	..
161	Empress	50	5	5	5			.			1	54	4	.
162	Yellowknife	77	7	7	8	2		1			2	83	6	
163	Ancient Landmark	39		1	1						2	37		2
164	Gateway	37	5	4	4	3						45	8	.
U.D.	Canada	36	8	4	4	6		1				49	13	
U.D.	Evergreen	48	.	.		2			.		1	49	1	.
		15,553	776	741	752	249	54	237	119	..	271	16,005	533	81

Grand Lodges with names and addresses of Grand Secretaries with whom we are in Fraternal communication.

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D.D.G.M. — R.W. Bro. Albert W. Dingle (28)

No. 1	Bow River	Calgary
No. 5	Cascade	Banff
No. 9	Perfection	Calgary
No. 28	Ashlar	Calgary
No. 41	King Solomon	Cochrane
No. 59	King George	Calgary
No. 118	St. Mark's	Calgary
No. 134	Renfrew	Calgary

DISTRICT No. 2

D.D.G.M. — R.W. Bro. James Henderson (35)

No. 2	Medicine Hat	Medicine Hat
No. 35	Mizpah	Medicine Hat
No. 55	Bassano	Bassano
No. 57	Grassy Lake	Grassy Lake
No. 64	Bow Island	Bow Island
No. 70	Quarry	Redcliff
No. 73	Brooks	Brooks
No. 133	Manyberries	Manyberries

DISTRICT No. 3

D.D.G.M. — R.W. Bro. George Munro MacLean (68)

No. 7	Edmonton	Edmonton
No. 15	Wetaskiwin	Wetaskiwin
No. 34	Star of the West	Leduc
No. 51	Unity	Edmonton
No. 68	Edson	Edson
No. 81	Commercial	Edmonton
No. 129	Meridian	Stony Plain
No. 143	Jasper Park	Jasper
No. 166	Evergreen	Edmonton
U.D.	Temple	Edmonton
U.D.	Highlands	Edmonton

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D.D.G.M. — R.W. Bro. George R. Stirling (29)

No. 8	Innisfail	Innisfail
No. 10	Eureka	Lacombe
No. 12	Red Deer	Red Deer
No. 16	Mountain View	Olds
No. 18	Britannia	Ponoka
No. 20	Carstairs	Carstairs
No. 21	King Hiram	Didsbury
No. 29	Kenilworth	Red Deer
No. 42	Bowden	Bowden
No. 95	Kitchener	Rimbey
No. 151	Lochearn	Rocky Mt. House

DISTRICT No. 5

D.D.G.M. — R.W. Bro. Wm. B. Holtsbaum (61)

No. 37	Camrose	Camrose
No. 43	Tuscan	Killam
No. 50	Comet	Hardisty
No. 61	Provost	Provost
No. 62	Melrose	Bawlf
No. 75	Harmony	Sedgewick
No. 79	Morning Star	Lougheed
No. 80	Excelsior	Strome
No. 128	Forestburg	Forestburg
No. 135	Alliance	Alliance
No. 141	Efficiency	Hughenden

DISTRICT No. 6

D.D.G.M. — R.W. Bro. Wm. Stanley Daley (40)

No. 17	Nanton	Nanton
No. 19	Cornerstone	High River
No. 22	Corinthian	Okotoks
No. 32	Cairo	Claresholm
No. 33	Stavely	Stavely
No. 40	Joppa	Granum

DISTRICT No. 7

D.D.G.M. — R.W. Bro. Jos. Melling (65)

No. 4	North Star	Lethbridge
No. 31	Doric	Taber
No. 39	Lethbridge	Lethbridge
No. 58	Chief Mountain	Cardston
No. 65	Diamond City	Coalhurst
No. 67	Charity	Lethbridge
No. 100	Century	Milk River
No. 103	Foremost	Foremost
No. 119	York	Lethbridge
No. 157	Sharon	Picture Butte
No. 159	Lucerne	Vauxhall

DISTRICT No. 8

D.D.G.M. — R.W. Bro. Walter Marcellus (6)

No.	3	Alberta ..... Macleod
No.	6	Spitzie ..... Pincher Creek
No.	26	Sentinel ..... Hillcrest
No.	30	Summit ..... Coleman
No.	47	Chinook ..... Cowley
No.	86	Rocky Mountain ..... Blairmore

DISTRICT No. 9

D.D.G.M. — R.W. Bro. Samuel Roy Hooper (140)

No.	27	Apollo ..... Stettler
No.	45	Ionic ..... Alix
No.	56	Beaver ..... Castor
No.	72	Coronation ..... Coronation
No.	120	Monitor ..... Consort
No.	140	Big Valley ..... Rumsey

DISTRICT No. 10

D.D.G.M. — R.W. Bro. Samuel H. Hardin (25)

No.	11	Acacia ..... Edmonton
No.	13	Victoria ..... Ft. Saskatchewan
No.	24	Vermilion ..... Vermilion
No.	25	St. John's ..... Vegreville
No.	38	Hope ..... Manville
No.	63	Empire ..... Edmonton
No.	90	Norwood ..... Edmonton
No.	94	Lamont ..... Lamont
No.	117	Dominion ..... Edmonton
No.	131	Kitscoty ..... Kitscoty
No.	145	St. Alban's ..... St. Paul
No.	154	Waskatenau ..... Waskatenau
U.D.		St. George's ..... Elk Point
U.D.		Avon Glen ..... Edmonton

DISTRICT No. 11

D.D.G.M. — R.W. Bro. D. D. McQueen (74)

No.	49	Robert Burns ..... Carmangay
No.	74	Vulcan ..... Vulcan
No.	84	Champion ..... Champion
No.	108	Pyramid ..... Lomond
No.	111	Nobleford ..... Nobleford
No.	127	Granite ..... Blackie
No.	136	Cresset ..... Barons

DISTRICT No. 12

D.D.G.M. — R.W. Bro. Wilfred J. Tiplin (77)

No. 14	Jasper	Edmonton
No. 71	Tawatinaw	Athabasca
No. 77	Strathcona	Edmonton
No. 91	Patricia	Edmonton
No. 92	Saskatchewan	Edmonton
No. 101	West Edmonton	Edmonton
No. 114	Westlock	Westlock
No. 126	Pembina	Sangudo
No. 138	Onoway	Onoway
No. 142	Ivanhoe	Edmonton
No. 148	Mayerthorpe	Mayerthorpe
No. 153	Whitecourt	Whitecourt
No. 164	Gateway	Edmonton

DISTRICT No. 13

D.D.G.M. — R.W. Bro. Albert H. Abbott (156)

No. 88	Wahpun	High Prairie
No. 89	Peace River	Peace River
No. 105	Grande Prairie	Grande Prairie
No. 106	Lake Saskatoon	Wembley
No. 116	Spirit River	Spirit River
No. 147	Northland	Fairview
No. 156	Hythe	Hythe
No. 160	Sexsmith	Sexsmith

DISTRICT No. 14

D.D.G.M. — R.W. Bro. Wm. A. Cunningham (104)

No. 78	Hanna	Hanna
No. 82	Acadia	Youngstown
No. 98	Hand Hill	Delia
No. 104	Oyen	Oyen
No. 115	Crocus	Chinook
No. 132	Craigmyle	Craigmyle
No. 158	Berry Creek	Pollockville
No. 161	Empress	Empress

DISTRICT No. 15

D.D.G.M. — R.W. Bro. Howard Conway (163)

No. 60	Acme	Acme
No. 66	St. Andrew's	Trochu
No. 76	Fidelity	Bashaw
No. 113	Cyprus	Three Hills
No. 125	Cavell	Delburne
No. 137	Irricana	Irricana
No. 163	Ancient Landmark	Mirror

DISTRICT No. 16

D.D.G.M. — R.W. Bro. Willard A. Treacy (130)

No. 93	Symbol	Drumheller
No. 107	Carbon	Carbon
No. 123	Rockyford	Rockyford
No. 130	Hussar	Hussar
No. 146	Drumheller	Drumheller
No. 152	Standard	Standard

DISTRICT No. 17

D.D.G.M. — R.W. Bro. Fred L. Snyder (102)

No. 44	Buffalo Park	Wainwright
No. 46	Palestine	Tofield
No. 69	Connaught	Viking
No. 96	Dynamic	Holden
No. 97	Albion	Chauvin
No. 102	Edgerton	Edgerton
No. 144	Gratton	Irma

DISTRICT No. 18

D.D.G.M. — R.W. Bro. Chas. H. Westmore (23)

No. 23	Calgary	Calgary
No. 36	Gleichen	Gleichen
No. 48	Crossfield	Crossfield
No. 53	Strathmore	Strathmore
No. 54	Mount Lebanon	Calgary
No. 83	Zetland	Calgary
No. 87	Crescent	Calgary
No. 124	Concord	Calgary
No. 165	Canada	Calgary

NORTH WEST TERRITORIES

No. 162	Yellowknife	Yellowknife, N.W.T.

Grand Master's Representative — R.W. Bro. Chas. E. Garnett (142)

RULINGS OF GRAND MASTERS
Approved by Grand Lodge

1. Question: In case of a Masonic trial can the Worshipful Master of a lodge act as counsel for the defence of the Accused?

Answer: No. Proceedings, 1909.

2. Question: Has a lodge the power to levy special assessment on members besides their regular annual dues, and to suspend members for the non-payment of such assessment if they pay their regular annual dues?

Answer: The Constitution makes no provision for suspension except for non-payment of dues and for unmasonic conduct. While lodges may agree to assess themselves for any worthy cause, they cannot suspend the delinquent for the above mentioned cause. Proceedings, 1916.

3. Question: Is a person eligible to become a member of a Masonic lodge by initiation, who has lost the four fingers of his left hand at the third joint, leaving the hand and thumb intact?

Answer: Yes. Proceedings, 1916.

4. Question: Is a returned soldier eligible for initiation into the Order who has lost his left arm at the shoulder?

Answer: If you have a worthy petitioner, who has lost his left arm, but who is supplied with an artificial one so that he can comply with the requirements of the work, I would favor his acceptance into Masonry. Proceedings, 1916.

5. Question: Has a lodge the power to withhold a Grand Lodge certificate from a newly raised brother until he passes a satisfactory examination in the third degree?

Answer: No. Proceedings, 1916.

6. Question: Can a dispensation be granted whereby the degree of Past Master might be conferred as an honor upon a brother as a recognition of faithful service?

Answer: It is not within the power of the Grand Master to grant a dispensation to confer the Past Master's Degree (honoris causa) on any brother, however worthy he may be. Proceedings, 1916.

7. Question: Can post cards be used for lodge notices?

Answer: All notices must be sent in sealed envelopes. Proceedings, 1918.

8. A lodge cannot refuse to consider applications for membership for any stated period. An application in proper form recommended by two brethren and received by the secretary of the lodge must take its usual course. Proceedings, 1920.

9. A lodge under dispensation cannot grant a dimit to one of its members. Proceedings, 1920.

10. An Entered Apprentice cannot purchase life membership in a lodge. Proceedings, 1920.

11. Refused to grant publication of a Masonic Directory of the Province of Alberta for general distribution amongst members of the Craft. Proceedings, 1922.

12. The Worshipful Master of a lodge has always right of access to the secretary's books, and is responsible to Grand Lodge for their condition. Proceedings, 1922.

13. Refused to sanction the organization of a Masonic Club at a town where no lodge was in existence. Proceedings, 1922.

14. Question: Is a lodge entitled to a refund from Grand Lodge of dues paid on account of brethren who were granted their dimits by the lodge five years prior to the receipt of application for refund by Grand Lodge, but of which no report had been forwarded to the Grand Secretary in the meantime?

Answer: Inasmuch as the semi-annual returns are expected to contain an accurate statement of the work and business done by the lodge during the term, and that these returns are certified to by the Master and Secretary of the lodge under the seal of the same, and are accepted by Grand Lodge as being accurate, as they have no other means of obtaining this information, the lodge is not entitled to a refund under these circumstances. Proceedings, 1925.

15. Question: What is the standing of an applicant for affiliation who was accepted into membership without the usual certificate of standing or dimit accompanying his application?

Answer: An applicant admitted under these circumstances is admitted irregularly and therefore could not be considered a member. Proceedings, 1925.

16. Question: Is a ballot, which was taken in September of last year, in accordance with the requirements of our Constitution as prior to June 12th, regular, the W.M. not being aware of any change in the Constitution?

Answer: Inasmuch as the ballot was taken in accordance with the Constitution as understood by the W.M. at the time of balloting, it should stand as taken. Proceedings, 1925.

17. Question: Is a brother who has received the Past Master's degree in a Royal Arch Chapter entitled to be present while the Installed Master's degree is being conferred upon the W.M. elect?

Answer: A lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Alberta can recognize only those degrees which have been conferred by lodges under this jurisdiction or, as is expressly provided for by our Constitution, by lodges under some other Grand Jurisdiction recognized by this Grand Jurisdiction. In no case will this Grand Jurisdiction admit to participation in its degrees a person who has received such degree in a Royal Arch Chapter or in any other body conferring other than the first three degrees of Masonry.. There are other reasons which cannot be fully explained, inherent in the degree of Installed Master, which would not permit of a brother being present who was not either a Past Master or one duly elected to that office. It was therefore ruled that the brother was not entitled to sit in lodge while the Installed Master's degree was being conferred. Proceedings, 1925.

18. Question: What is the status of a brother who was formerly a member of a lodge in this jurisdiction which surrendered its charter?

Answer: All members of a lodge who are in good standing at the date of the surrender of its charter and whose dues have been paid in full are entitled to and shall receive from the Grand Secretary a certificate of that fact, which certificate shall have the same effect as a dimit issued by an existing lodge. Proceedings, 1925.

19. Question: May the first degree be conferred by a lodge other than that in which the candidate was accepted?

Answer: No the lodge accepting the applicant must confer at least the first degree. Proceedings, 1925.

20. Question: Is a brother eligible for affiliation who holds a dimit and resides outside this Grand Jurisdiction?

Answer: Yes. His place of residence does not apply in case of affiliation. Proceedings, 1925.

21. Question: Is it correct or permissible to receive written nominations as is the custom at Grand Lodge elections?

Answer: Yes. Proceedings, 1925.

22. Question: Can a Worshipful Master order a regularly put and carried resolution to be expunged from the minute book without a further resolution giving consent of his lodge?

Answer: No. Proceedings, 1929.

23. Question: Can a lodge ballot on a petitioner without his name and other particulars being first spread on the lodge notice?

Answer: No, regardless of any necessity for speedy action Proceedings, 1929

24. Question: Can a member of a lodge be disciplined for continuously absenting himself from his lodge meetings?

Answer: No. Proceedings, 1931.

25. Question: Re notice of motion, if brother giving notice is absent, may any other brother present the motion?

Answer: Yes. Proceedings, 1931.

26. Question: Re-notice of motion, in case no other brother wishes to present the motion, can matter be laid over until the following regular meeting?

Answer: No. Proceedings, 1931.

27. Question: Re notice of motion, can matter be brought up again without new notice of motion?

Answer: No. Proceedings, 1931.

28. Question: Has a Past Master who has been made an Honorary Member of his lodge the right to vote in his lodge?

Answer: Yes. Proceedings, 1931.

29. Question: Can a lodge receive and act on an application of a candidate of foreign birth, who does not understand our language?

Answer: No. Proceedings, 1931.

30. Question: Can a candidate, who has received the first degree, be passed and raised in any other Rite than that in which he was initiated?

Answer: No. Proceedings, 1931.

31. Question: Can an application be received from one who has been absent from the jurisdiction for two years, during the whole of which time he was taking post graduate courses, always with the intention of returning to his position and his home. In the two years he has not been resident in any Grand Jurisdiction long enough to qualify as an applicant?

Answer: Yes. He has not acquired legal residence in any other jurisdiction, and having returned home to resume the practise of his profession, should not be regarded as having lost his standing as a resident. Proceedings, 1932.

32. Question: Is an honorary member, not previously a regular member of the lodge, entitled to vote in Lodge matters?

Answer: No. Proceedings, 1933.

33. Question: Is a brother who is a Warden in one lodge and a member in another, eligible for the office of Master in the other lodge?

Answer: No. He could not hold the office of Master in both lodges at the same time. Proceedings, 1934.

34. Question: Can a lodge charge a candidate with a physical defect the fee charged by Grand Lodge for a dispensation in addition to the regular initiation fee?

Answer: No. Proceedings, 1934.

35. Question: Can a lodge use a loose-leaf binder for the permanent record of the minutes in typewritten form?

Answer: Yes. Proceedings, 1934.

36. Question: In the case of a number of lodges using the same lodge room, may the lodge charters be hung permanently in the lounge room adjoining the lodge room?

Answer: No. The charter must be present in the lodge room when the lodge is meeting. Proceedings, 1934.

37. Question: Can a lodge hall be dedicated to Masonry when it is used by other organizations for purposes other than Masonic?

Answer: No. Proceedings, 1934.

38. Question: Would the acceptance of promissory notes by a lodge, on account of dues owing by members, entitle said members to up-to-date receipts?

Answer: No. Proceedings, 1935. Such notes did not in themselves pay the debt and entitle the brethren to up-to-date receipts, and that only final settlement of the notes would entitle them to such receipts.

39. Question: Is it necessary that nominations should be submitted for the office of Master or other elective offices of the lodge?

Answer: No. The election of officers of a lodge shall be annually by ballot, whether nominations are made or not. Proceedings, 1936.

40. Question: Is it necessary that notice of motion be given to confer life membership for distinguished services rendered?

Answer: Yes. Proceedings, 1936.

41. Question: On the re-election of a Master of a lodge, is it necessary that the ceremony of installation be conducted irrespective of he having already been installed?

Answer: Yes, but the Installed Master's work need not be repeated in full. Proceedings, 1936.

42. Question: Can a lodge receive and act upon a petition for initiation from an unmarried applicant living without the jurisdiction although his parents' home is located within the territory of the lodge?

Answer: No. Such applicant's residence was where he lived, worked and exercised his franchise. Proceedings, 1936.

43. In the case of a travelling salesman who had not lived continuously in one place long enough to qualify for membership, ruled that the place from which he worked and from which he received his regular mail should be considered as his place of residence, which was within the jurisdiction of the lodge. Proceedings, 1937.

44. Ruled in the case of an Entered Apprentice who had been initiated in the Canadian Working in this jurisdiction and removed to the United States before being passed, and who had no intention of returning to Alberta, that he could receive his second and third degrees, on the usual request being made, in a different Working. Proceedings, 1937.

45. Question: Can a temporary honorary membership be granted to an unaffiliated brother?

Answer: No. Proceedings, 1937.

46. Ruled, that a lodge having paid the $5.00 registration fee for an Honorary Member who hailed from another Grand Jurisdiction, but who resides within the jurisdiction of the lodge, is not required to pay semi-annual dues to Grand Lodge for such member. Proceedings, 1938.

47. A lodge having spread on its summons for a regular meeting a notice stating that no regular meetings be held in two consecutive months, it was ruled that such motion was not in order, the charter having stated the regular meetings of the lodge. (If a lodge fails to hold its regular monthly meeting it is simply a default.) Proceedings, 1938.

48. Question: Can a lodge by-law or otherwise fix the fee for initiation or affiliation to include the regular lodge dues for the current year, or one year from the date of membership?

Answer: No. Proceedings, 1938.

49. Ruled, that a lodge could not give a discount on dues if paid before a certain date, without amending their By-laws to permit this. Proceedings, 1938.

50. A lodge cannot postpone or adjourn a meeting. Therefore it was ruled that a lodge in postponing its regular meeting to a subsequent date and calling it an adjourned meeting, transacting business which can only be done at a regular meeting was in error, and the business done at such meeting must be confirmed at the next regular meeting and the minutes of the previous regular meeting again read and confirmed. Proceedings, 1939.

51. Question: Can the suspension of a member be cancelled from the records on his reinstatement?

Answer: No. Proceedings, 1939.

52. Ruled, that a regular meeting of a lodge at which none of the principal officers were present was irregular and any business transacted was null and void, the business done to be reintroduced and dealt with at the next regular meeting.

53. Ruled, that a candidate for initiation who by the nature of his employment was absent from his home for six months of the twelve preceding his application, should be regarded as a resident where his established home was situated and the lodge could receive his application. Proceedings, 1939.

54. Question: Can a lodge join, as such, a Masonic Association in another Grand Jurisdiction, over which the Grand Master or Grand Lodge of Alberta has no authority?

Answer: No. Proceedings, 1939.

55. Question: In the case of a brother applying for life membership whose membership had been broken by suspension N.P.D., can the payment of an amount equal to dues for the period of his suspension, cancel the fact that his continuous membership had been broken?

Answer: No. Proceedings, 1940.

56. In the case of two officers serving in England, residents of Alberta, who desired to make application to an Alberta lodge near their home, it was ruled that a lodge could not receive and act on petitions for membership of applicants whose homes were in Alberta but who were stationed in England. Proceedings, 1941.

57. That members of the Armed Forces who hail from other Jurisdictions, regardless of whether they comply with the twelve months residence clause, have no legal residence status in our Jurisdiction. They are still domiciled in the Jurisdiction from which they hail. And no application shall be received except by permission of the Grand Master when waivers must be obtained from their home Jurisdiction and after residence clause has been strictly adhered to.

58. Question: Is it proper for the Worshipful Master to cast one ballot for an elective office on a motion moved and seconded and passed by the Lodge?

Answer: No. Proceedings, 1943.

59. Question: Is the Collective Ballot permissible, that is, One Ballot taken for a number of Candidates?

Answer: No. An Individual Ballot must be taken on each Candidate — where several Ballot boxes are used with the name of the applicant plainly marked on each box — this is considered an Individual Ballot. Proceedings — 1949.

RULES FOR RECOGNITION OF ANOTHER GRAND BODY
By the Grand Lodge of Alberta, Canada.

Fraternal recognition of a Grand Body may be granted when it appears to the Committee on Foreign Relations that recognition should be granted and the recommendation of the Committee has been adopted by the Grand Lodge of Alberta, in Annual Communication.

The finding and recommendation of the Committee on Foreign Relations shall be based on the following prerequisites:

That the Grand Body seeking recognition:

1. Shall have been lawfully established by three or more regularly constituted lodges, by this Grand Lodge, or by a Grand Body recognized by this Grand Lodge.
2. Shall have sovereign territorial jurisdiction or if territorial jurisdiction be shared with another Body or Bodies then by mutual consent and prohibition or encroachment of occupied territory.
3. Shall acknowledge as a prerequisite for membership belief in the Supreme Being, God the G.A.O.T.U.
4. Shall acknowledge as a prerequisite for membership belief in life hereafter.
5. Shall require the open V.O.T.S.L. to be indispensably present in the lodge while at work. By the V.O.T.S.L. is meant the revelation from beyond which is binding on the particular individual who is being initiated.
6. Shall make Masons of men only.
7. Shall accept as fundamental:
   (a) Secrecy.
   (b) The division of Craft or Symbolic Masonry into the three accepted degree of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, and Master Mason.
   (c) The Legend of the Third Degree.
   (d) The Symbolism of the operative art.
8. Shall accept as its dominant purposes the practice of benevolence, charity and education.
9. Shall strictly prohibit controversial political and sectarian religious discussions within its lodges.
10. Shall adhere in practice and principle to the ancient landmarks, customs and usages of the Craft.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE

Your Committee on Fraternal Correspondence have pleasure in presenting herewith a review of the Proceedings of the several Grand Lodges throughout the world with whom we are in fraternal relations, and trust the brethren will find much interest and enjoyment in reading the record presented.

Of the many topics under discussion, Brotherhood stands out more vividly than possibly any other. This may seem strange to Freemasons who are specifically enjoined to practice this virtue, but the many ills affecting the world today can be traced to the lack of understanding of the true meaning of Brotherhood, and emphasis is being laid upon us to more nearly approach the true significance of the meaning of Brotherhood and endeavour to truly recognize our fellowmen of whatever race or clan as brothers under the skin.

A subject of grave importance, that of granting recognition to the various Grand Lodges organized within the past few years, has been a matter of much thought. Indeed, the Conference of Grand Masters of North America, have set up a special committee to study the matter with a view to bring some uniformity into the requirements necessary for recognition. The standards at the present time differ in many Grand Lodges of the United States, so much so that embarrassment is often caused when recognition is refused. In Canada, the Grand Lodges have adopted the practice of following the recommendations of the three British Grand Lodges who seem to be in the best informed position to know those Grand Lodges who can be trusted to carry out the true tenets of Freemasonry and uphold the dignity of the Craft.

Masonic Benevolence continues to be a matter of great interest. The Grand Lodge of Scotland recently opened a home for the aged and are now contemplating increasing the accomodation. Other Grand Lodges have adopted foundations for the purpose of making grants or fellowships for medical research. Freemasonry is thus working quietly and unobtrusively in the interest of humanity.

To the following members of the Craft who have assisted the Committee in preparing these reviews, thanks is extended: R.W. Bro. W. A. Braisher, V.W. Bro. Malcolm J. Brodie, M.W. Bro. Sam Harris, R.W. Bro. F. J. Kavanagh, V.W. Bro. C.S.B. Lait, R.W. Bro. R. T. Lawrence R.W. Bro. T. A. Marshall, R.W. Bro. J.W.G. Morrison, R.W. Bro. L. D. Nicol R. W. Bro W Noble, R W. Bro. H. E. Rivers, W. Bro. H. G. Wickstrom.

Wm. Ireland,
Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE

ARIZONA — 1951

The Sixty-ninth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of Arizona, was held at Globe, Arizona, April 23 and 24, 1951, Most Worshipful Grand Master, Nelson T. Roach, presiding.

After the usual Flag ceremony, all present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance. All Constituent Lodges were represented. It was fourteen years since the Grand Lodge had convened in the city of Globe. Distinguished guests from The Grand Lodge of California and Nevada were welcomed, given the Grand Honors and escorted to the East, as were also fifteen Past Grand Masters. Among the Grand Representatives in attendance was Alberta's Grand Representative Bro. Henry W. Beumler.

The Grand Master visited all Lodges in the State, the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Nevada, the Grand Lodge of California on the occasion of the celebration of One-hundred years of Masonry in California, which he remarks was one of the most impressive gatherings he had ever visited; the Grand Master's conference in Washington, the Masonic Service Association and George Washington Memorial Association held during the same week, together with many other special Masonic celebrations taking place during his term of office. Two new Lodges were constituted,, and thirteen fifty year buttons awarded.

The Masonic Relief Association of Phoenix Arizona reports 333 cases looked after, with 134 visitations made at the request of Foreign Jurisdictions. $1,487.84 was expended for the relief of sojourning brethren. A grant of $600.00 was made to this Association from the funds of Grand Lodge and a similar amount to the Masonic Relief Association of Tucson. Six Scholarships are awarded to DeMolay boys, but a suggestion that Masters of Lodges favor brethren who are interested in DeMolay, was quite rightly we think, disapproved. We agree with the remarks of the Committee on General Policy that the Master and his Wardens should know who will best serve his Lodge.

The address of the Grand Orator, Wor. Bro. Ronald C. Nicholson, was on the subject of "Communism". In justification of his choice of topic he quoted from the New Testament, Second Epistle of Peter, verses 12 and 13:

"I will not be negligent to put you in remembrance of these

things, though ye know them. Yea, I think it meet to stir you up by putting you in remembrance."

Which he certainly does!

No Reviews are printed.

Number of Lodges, 43; Membership, 8,837; Net gain, 354.

Grand Master M.W. Bro. Fred W. Moore.
Grand Secretary Joseph A. E. Ivey, P.G.M. L.D.N.

BRITISH COLUMBIA — 1951

The Grand Master, M.W. Bro. John H. N. Morgan, convened the session of The M.W. The Grand Lodge of British Columbia, in the Vancouver Hotel in the City of Vancouver, on Thursday, the 21st of June, 1951.

Following the civic welcome by the Mayor, Bro. Fred J. Hume, the Grand Chaplain, Bro. Rev. A. M. Sanford, D.D. addressed the brethren, starting by asking the question "What will Freemasonry be like one hundred years hence.", and developing his theme by referring to world conditions and the part Freemasonry can play in maintaining the democratic way of life.

We are pleased to note the suggestion in the report of the Committee on the Grand Master's address that "the Grand Master should be expected to pay such visits only as the dignity of his office requires, and the Lodges could assist in this by refraining from requesting the Grand Master to attend other than outstanding functions." In reading the Grand Master's address one cannot be struck with the large number of visitations and calls upon the Grand Master's time, night after night, week in week out for months he gave unspairingly of his time, and he is deserving of commendation for the tireless energy given during his term of office.

Reference is made to the passing of M.W. Bro. W. R. Simpson, P.G.M. who for several years was Grand Secretary. Bill Simpson was well known and respected by many brethren of Alberta, and in his demise we have lost a good friend and a beloved Brother Freemason. Our sincere sympathy goes out to the family of Bro. Simpson and to the Grand Lodge in the loss they have sustained.

The Grand Master attended a birthday party at Mount Hermon Lodge No. 7, for W. Bro. John Caesar on attaining his One Hundredth Year; a Freemason for some eighty years and a past master for over 40 years.

Reporting on the conditions of Freemasonry in his jurisdiction, the Grand Master had this to say, "In fraternizing with so many brethren in so many places, I have been given a front seat view of a first class picture of Freemasonry in action. I have seen in brethren a display of much enthusiasm and I have learned of their very real interest in our institution; and in acknowledging their efforts, there has come to me a definite appreciation that Freemasonry with its

philosophy of life, its teachings and its fellowship is without doubt proving a great stimulating influence for the betterment not only for the character and lives of its members, but in the larger field of service for the good of humanity."

In reporting on the Banff Conference the Grand Master pays tribute to the organization of this get together and the wonderful part it plays in educating the Grand Lodge Officers for the duties that will someday be theirs as Grand Masters.

The Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada are holding their annual meeting in Vancouver in which the Grand Lodge agreed to sponsor the gathering.

A glowing compliment is paid by the Grand Master to M.W. Bro. F. J. Burd, P.G.M. that grand young man of Freemasonry known all over Canada for his good works, especially in the matter of benevolence. M.W. Bro. Burd affiliated with Ionic Lodge No. 25 of Manitoba on December 1st, 1901, and with Acacia Lodge No. 22 of British Columbia, and first attended that Grand Lodge in June, 1902. He was Grand Master in 1911 and since that time has installed every Grand Master. We would join the Grand Master in extending congratulations to this Grand Freemason, so well known to many of us.

The Grand Secretary reports an increase in membership with three Lodges instituted during the year and four Lodges requesting Warrants.

The Grand Historian in his report submits a history of King George Lodge No. 129 by W. Bro H. E. Freeman-Smith, a biographical sketch of John F. Damon, the first Worshipful Master to preside over a Provisional Lodge, called to conduct the funeral of their late brother, Samuel Hazeltine; also an historical sketch of Pacific Lodge No. 16 of Mission City, which celebrated its sixteenth anniversary in May, 1951.

A very comprehensive and complete report was submitted to Grand Lodge by the special Committee on Rituals but consideration of the five recommendations contained therein were held over till next Grand Lodge. To the Ritualists within our jurisdiction I commend this report for their perusal as I am sure they will obtain much information and interest.

The Committee on Benevolence spent a total of $19,105.23 during the Masonic Year, and the report shows that British Columbia is doing a very excellent job in this department of endeavors.

The report of Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of Rt. W. Bro. J. Russell Oliver and his committee. Alberta is fraternally reviewed and we thank him for his generous consideration of our 1950 Proceedings.

W. I.

CALIFORNIA — 1951

The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of California convened its one hundred and second Annual Communication in the Masonic Temple, San Francisco, on Monday, October 8th, 1951, closing its deliberations on Friday, October 12th, 1951.

The above designation is, according to a ruling of the Special Committee on Written Ceremonies, the correct title of this Grand Lodge.

One thousand, eight hundred and seventy-seven officers and representatives from 572 Chartered Lodges and four Lodges under dispensation were reported as present, with 19 Past Grand Masters in attendance. Grand Lodge was opened in ample form, Grand Master Arthur Paulsen presiding. The Flag of the Country was presented, following which Devotional Services were conducted by Very Reverend C. B. Sylvester, Grand Chaplain, who gave a very elevating address, concluding with a poem written by Jane Addams, of which we quote the last verse:

"Where will compassion take us? Well it will
Take us out among the ranks who have no refuge;
To the "crowds without a compass";
To the lives without a love; to the hearts without a home.
It may take us into the uttermost waste places of earth's habitations,
But it will certainly bring us to our Father's house."

In opening his address, the Grand Master had this to say: "For the world at large the year last past has been one of great uncertainty. Men have longed for peace while they prepared for war. Years of struggle and deprivation have brought some to that state of desperation that destroys even their will to resist enslavement. While our own country and our State have enjoyed a sense of security not possessed by the world at large, the constant threat of war and the demands of the preparedness program have directly or indirectly affected our growth and the plans of many of our Lodges. On the whole, however, the past twelve months have been marked by substantial numerical growth and read achievement." He found the year to be an exceptionally busy one, and delegated some of the labors connected with his office to the Deputy Grand Master and the two Grand Wardens. He made it a point to visit as many as possible of those Lodges or districts which had long gone without a visit from a Grand Master. He paid official visits to all Lodges of the Hawaiian Islands, the Conference of Grand Masters at Washington, D.C., and George Washington National Memorial. He had this to say: "Great as is the benefit to be derived from attendance upon the conference of all Grand Masters each year, we have so much in common with the leaders of our neighboring jurisdictions that I am strongly of the opinion that periodically they should assemble for a conference on the important interjurisdictional problems of this part of the United States. It was my hope upon assuming this office that I would have the

opportunity to promote such a conference this year, but time did not permit it." We think Bro. Paulsen would be interested in our Western Conference at Banff, which has been of real value to the four Western Jurisdictions in this country over the past ten years. He evidently has something of a similar nature in mind.

The Grand Master reports a matter which came to his attention during the year, which, although apparently trivial in nature, might create a dangerous precedent. A member of a California Lodge, residing in Nebraska, after due trial was found guilty of a violation of the law in that Jurisdiction, the offence being one that did not contravene the laws of the Grand Lodge of California, but, as the Grand Master says: "Because the offence with which the brother stands convicted is minor in character there may be a disposition on our part not to recognize the judgment of the Nebraska trial commission, and to give to the brethren of other Grand Jurisdictions who now reside in our midst as well as to our own members who reside in other Grand Jurisdictions, the impression that there is no such thing as jurisdiction to try a sojourning Mason and have a conviction recognized in his own State. . . . I call to your attention, brethren, the necessity of maintaining our right to pass upon the conduct of Masons from other Grand Jurisdictions who live within our borders. Otherwise, Masonry will soon end in a state of chaos."

In order to promote Masonic education, he recommended the formation of Research Lodges, which received the approval of Grand Lodge to the extent of issuing dispensations to not more than two such Lodges. He closes his address with this admonition:

"Masonry, like all free institutions, stands today at the cross-roads. We can choose the easy path that ultimately leads to slavery and destruction, or we can accept the challenge of our founders and make safe to ourselves and our children's children the highway to a free and better world. Although we may be assailed by ruthless forces from without and sometimes misled by misguided prophets from within, our mission still remains the same. Whether it be in service of our God, or in the service of mankind, we must always be the master craftsmen of our time — men with vision and the character to remain free."

California maintains two Masonic Homes, one for the aged located at Decoto and one for children located at Covina. The Home for Aged took care of 176 women and 118 men during 1950, while the children's home at July 31st, 1951, had a population of 60 — 34 boys and 26 girls. The cost per person averaged $1,124.00. The Endowment Fund amounts to $4,244,715.81. The per capita tax has been reduced from $1.00 to 75c.

Like many other Grand Jurisdictions, California actively supports the Order of DeMolay and Public Schools Week, 1951 being the 32nd Annual Observance of the latter.

A resolution requiring that public liability and property damage insurance be mandatory for all constituent Lodges was not adopted. There is at present a plan of group liability insurance available through the Grand Lodge.

Finance Committee budgeted for an estimated expense of $239,020.00, with estimated income $249,068.90.

Eighteen Boards of Relief are maintained in this Grand Jurisdiction and reports show that during the past year they have conducted 893 funerals, have made 18,913 service calls upon the sick, for investigation, relief, etc. Blood banks are maintained for the benefit of Masons and their families; 1,605 units were donated and 1,539 withdrawn for the use of the brethren. Seven employment bureaus are maintained to assist worthy Master Masons, their widows and orphans in securing employment.

Report of the Committee on Correspondence is semi-topical in nature, dealing with problems mostly confronting our Grand Lodges at the present time. These are enumerated under various headings with citations from Grand Lodge Proceedings relative thereto. This makes for exceptionally interesting reading, and we find especially attractive the appendix entitled "Gold Diggins" containing delectable incidents, past and present, occurring throughout the Masonic world.

Lodges, 611; Membership, 202,500; Gain, 5,700.

Grand Master — M.W. Bro. Louis C. Drapeau.

Grand Secretary — M.W. Bro. Lloyd E. Wilson, L.D.M.

COLORADO

The Ninety-first Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Colorado was held in the Cathedral of Colorado Consistory No. 1, Colorado, January 22nd and 23rd, 1952, with the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. C. Wheeler Barnes, presiding.

The Past Grand Masters of Colorado were admitted to the hall in a body, and after being presented by the Grand Marshal, were introduced and greeted by the Grand Master. Past Grand Master Edwin J. Wittelshofer responded to this welcome.

Grand Master Barnes gives a very comprehensive account of his tenure of office lasting over a period of sixteen months, the date of the Annual Communication having been changed from September to January. He visited every one of the 150 chartered Lodges and five under dispensation at least one, travelling over 45,000 miles and speaking to a total of 315 Lodges and Masonic organizations. Twenty Special Communications of Grand Lodge were held, one of which, held for the two-fold purpose of meeting with the 1951 Masters and commemorating the 90th Anniversary of this Grand Lodge, deserves special mention. It was held at Golden, Colorado, August 4th, 1951. This was two days later than the actual date of organization, but was so arraged to enable the brethren to be present on Saturday afternoon and evening with a minimum amount of loss from the necessary vocations. We quote for its historical significance part of the Grand Master's message printed in the programme for the evening:

"On August 2nd, 1861, The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Colorado, A.F. & A.M., was brought into being at Golden City, Colorado Territory, by representatives of three Lodges: Golden City Lodge No. 34, chartered from Kansas; Summit Lodge No. 7 and Rocky Mountain Lodge No. 8, both charted from Nebraska. They became numbers 1, 2 and 3 under Colorado Jurisdiction. Today only Golden City No. 1 still exists but Masonry has grown and played a most important part in the spiritual and moral development of this great State . . . Today, Masonry touches life at every level in Colorado. One hundred and fifty-three Lodges in every section of the State are holding high these same ideals for which our forebears sacrificed so much. It is most fitting that we, on this occasion, rededicate ourselves to these same ideals."

The Grand Secretary's report showed five new Lodges under dispensation, making a total of 155 now in operation in this jurisdiction with 41,960 members, an increase of 1,455 for the sixteen months. "Great oaks from little acorns grow."

The Grand Master mentions three instances brought to his attention where candidates for public office were mailing literature to Masons and their families calling attention to their Masonic affiliations and seeking votes in their behalf. This he put a stop to and comments:

"It is true, we are all proud of our membership, and do not hide that fact. We also have an amount of pardonable pride in the many fine public officials who are members of this Fraternity. But when any member who is a candidate for public office stoops to the practice of calling attention to his Masonic membership in systematically soliciting votes and uses the roster of the Lodge for this purpose, he not only violates a basic Masonic law, but also oversteps the bounds of good taste, and probably harms his political ambitions more than he helps them." A statement which we heartily approve.

We mourn with our Colorado brethren in the great loss they have sustained in the deaths of Brother Chas. L. Young and Past Grand Master Harry L. Baum. Bro. Young served the Grand Lodge in the capacity of Grand Lecturer for a period of 28 years and was one of the best known Masons in Colorado. He was struck by an automobile while crossing the street near his home and remained unconscious until the time of his death. One of the Lodges under dispensation has been named after him and was granted a charter at this Communication, Charles L. Young Lodge No. 177. M.W. Bro. Harry L. Baum was for 13 years Chairman of the Correspondence Committee and through his understanding of Masonic conditions throughout the world expressed with candor and honest criticism, brought honour to both himself and the Grand Lodge of Colorado. This reviewer has derived much relish and enlightment from the perusal of his writings.

M.W. Bro. Edwin Wittleshofer has now taken over as Chairman of the Committee of Correspondence and his topical reviews cover conditions in many jurisdictions over the world. We quote a few of his sentiments:

"All men in their hearts and minds, hope, pray and seek peace and brotherhood, but we have war and hate and confusion. The dignity of human kind is debased and destroyed by those who know not the great tenets of brotherly love, relief, and truth. Many leaders of our day have forsaken the cardinal virtues of temperance, fortitude, prudence and justice. It is a day in which men speak of the greatest, the loftiest, and holiest of moral and spiritual ideals, yet prescribe a life of barbarism, dishonesty, infidelity, injustice and intolerance . . . To create a better and finer life in this day in which we are living; to save mankind from greater tragedies and travail; to right this world to sanity and decency and honor and integrity, needs not great scientists or intellectual giants, but merely the desire and will of all men to create among all peoples a life where there shall be more love and less hate; more tolerance and less intolerance; more justice and less injustice; more integrity and less dishonesty. This is the need of this hour and of this day. This has for generations been the philosophy, the tenets and ideals of Freemasonry."

We are glad to note the Grand Secretary, Harry W. Bundy, was by resolution, unanimously adopted, elected Honorary Past Grand Master.

An amendment to the Constitution to make the minimum time elapsing between the conferring of the Master Mason Degree and the petition for other degrees in Masonry, one year, was reported unfavorably by the Jurisprudence Committee. Grand Lodge, however, approved the amendment which was adopted.

The date of the next Annual Communication will be on the fourth Tuesday in January, 1953.

Grand Master, Olin P. Lee
Grand Secretary, Harry W. Bundy
L.D.N.

CONNECTICUT — 1951

The One Hundred and Sixty-third Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut was held in the city of New Haven on April 4th, 1951, presided over by Grand Master, M.W. Frederick C. Hesselmeyer.

Following prayer by the Grand Chaplain, Rev. Bro. J. D. Skelton, the heads of the following Grand Bodies were accorded official reception:

Deputy for Connecticut of the A. & A.S.R., Northern Jurisdiction;

Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Connecticut;

Grand Master of R. & S. Masters of Connecticut;

Grand High Priest of R.A.M. of Connecticut.

There were 23 distinguished visitors present, representing 12 other

Grand Lodges, amongst whom we noticed a representative from the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario.

Eleven of Connecticut's own Past Grand Masters were present.

During the year two Emergent Communications and one Special Communication of the Grand Lodge were held for the purpose of conducting the funeral services of a Past Grand Master; the laying of the corner stone of a Lodge; and the dedication of a Temple.

The address of the Grand Master reveals a year of activity and devotion and such consecrated leadership cannot fail to be reflected in the life of its membership, and the contacts made by the numerous visits to the member Lodges result in a strengthening of the Masonic ties throughout the jurisdiction.

In the Grand Master's opening remarks he had to record the loss of two able and active Past Grand Masters, both of whom had been active in their Masonic Charity Foundation.

It is also pleasing to note that their relief work extended beyond their own borders, including a donation to the Grand Lodge of Manitoba to assist in the Manitoba Flood Relief.

Requests for dispensations were numerous, and whilst largely of a routine nature, the Grand Master received a number which he had to refuse, especially those for conferring degrees in less than the regulation time, remarking "I . . . felt that the welfare of Masonry as a whole is the paramount issue in decisions such as this. I had in mind, of course, to stop the wholesale making of Masons in name only, and turning Lodges into 'Degree Mills', which experience in the past has shown us to be bad." Included in his lengthy list of visits were eighteen visits to Grand Lodges in other jurisdictions, one of which was to the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario. Detailed reference is made of the visit to the One Hundredth Anniversary of the Grand Lodge of California. The Grand Lodge of California had been organized one hundred years ago by three lodges operating under three different States, one of which lodges was under the jurisdiction of Connecticut, and this being the first visit of a Grand Master from Connecticut since 1850, special honors were showered upon him as well as being one of the scheduled speakers.

The recognition of foreign jurisdictions has been left in the hands of the Grand Secretary, and been capably handled in the past, however, it was thought advisable and the Grand Master recommended, that this important matter be placed in the hands of a Standing Committee with definite Rules and Regulations to guide them. The Grand Lodge approved the recommendation and adopted Rules and Regulations similar to those in use on a number of the States.

125 Grand Lodge Fifty-year Buttons were requested during the year.

Net gain in membership was 844.

Total membership, 44,239.

Lodges, 131.

M.W. Clarence O. Lister, Grand Master.
M.W. Earle K. Haling, Grand Secretary.
C.S.B.L.

DELAWARE — 1951

The One Hundredth and Forty-sixth Annual Communication of the M.W. Grand Lodge, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Deleware, convened in the Masonic Temple, Wilmington on the 3rd of October, 1951, M.W. Bro. Henry I. Law, Grand Master, presiding.

Twenty Past Grand Masters were present, and Alberta was represented by Bro. Geo. T. Macklin. Grand Honors were accorded to a long list of distinguished guests from Massachusettes, Virginia, Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Maryland, Connecticut, Rhode Island, and District of Columbia, as well as the presiding officers of other Masonic Bodies in Deleware.

The Grand Master visited all subordinate Lodges as well as a number of Sister Grand Lodge Communications. He attended the Conference of Grand Masters in Washington, D.C., the Annual Meeting of the Masonic Service Association and the meeting of the Geo. Washington Masonic National Memorial Association from which he derived much inspiration, and recommended a visit to this Memorial to all brethren in the Jurisdiction.

He earnestly solicited the brethren to support the Order of DeMolay saying he enjoyed the many advantages of this order during the formative years of his youth. He pays tribute to the Board of Managers of theMasonic Home of Delaware, having nothing but the highest praise for the efforts which they have put forth in the efficient and well ordered management of this institution. We note the average number of guests in the Home during 12 months ending August 31, 1951 were 35 with the average expense per guest $1,413.15.

He recommended that a period of twelve months elapse between the time a brother receives the Master Mason Degree before applying for membership in any other order, the prerequisite of membership wherein is that a person be a Master Mason. Grand Lodge, however, changed the waiting period to 60 days.

One new Lodge, Ionic No. 31 was consecrated at an Emergent Communication, November 4th, 1950, being the first in forty-seven years.

The Committee on Work report: "One very disturbing item has been called to our attention during the year. The Entered Apprentice and Master Mason lectures are often omitted following the conferring of these degrees. This not only destroys the beauty of the Ritual but deprives the candidate of receiving further light and the full explanation of our Masonic philosophy at the time when they should be most receptive. We seek the support and co-operation of

the Masters and Wardens in seeing that these lectures are given following the conferring of the degrees." Regarding the Penalty phraseology, the committee in conjunction with the Jurisprudence Committee were unanimous in their decision that no change should be made in the ritual itself but recommended the following explanation of the penalties be inserted in the Charge to the Candidate at Initiation, "As you progress in Masonry, you will find that it is a speculative art, taught by allegory, emblems and symbols. Even the penalties of the obligation, seemingly so severe, are not to be taken literally. They are meant to convey to you the mental suffering that will be your punishment if you should be base enough to violate your vows." This recommendation was adopted.

Following the custom adopted in many Grand Jurisdictions, Deleware is now presenting gold pins to Master Masons who have held continuous membership for fifty years. 93 brethren who have lived the major portion of their lives as Master Masons are at present eligible for this honour.

Past Grand Master W. Stewart Allmond contributes a topical review of the proceedings of Sister Grand Jurisdictions covering such subjects which come up most often amongst the Fraternity; Masonry and our Youth, Communism, Size of Lodges, waiting periods before other degrees, Clubs, Lotteries, Gambling and the Liquor problems. It is a most interesting review interspersed with comments which have "meat" in them.

Lodges, 23; Membership, 6,984; Net gain, 123.

Grand Master, M.W. Bro. H. Edward Maull.
Grand Secretary, R.W. Bro. Chester R. Jones.
L.D.N.

FLORIDA — 1951

The One Hundred and Twenty-second Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Florida was held at Jacksonville, April 17, 18, 19, 1951, M.W. Bro. Gus J. Dekle, Grand Master presiding.

Distinguished guests from Georgia, Illinois and Oregon were presented at the Altar, received with Grand Honors and invited to seats in the East. Alberta's Grand Representative Thos. J. Price was present.

The Grand Master's address is a well written report of his year's stewardship and the progress of Grand Lodge. Nineteen Emergent Communications were held, the majority to form new Lodges or present new charters granted at the last Annual Communication. He granted 132 dispensations 68 of which were to men who were in the armed forces. Several dispensations were refused on physical grounds; one to initiate a candidate in a wheel chair, others to confer the degrees on candidates with the loss of an arm, a hand, and three cases were the applicant could not kneel.

He has found evidence where Lodge members are soliciting mem-

bership, and recommended "An old landmark is being violated by soliciting a profane for membership and is unlawful, therefore any Mason who solicits a membership is subject to dicipline and any Lodge that abets, approves, or does not take action in known cases is subject to arrest or forfiture of its charter." This recommendation was approved and a regulation adopted accordingly. He has something to say about Communism, and ordered one such struck from the rolls after he had been initiated in a Florida Lodge and hopes no Communist ever will be made a Mason in Florida. The following Regulation was adopted: "Since Communism does not have faith in Deity and is contrary to all the principles and purposes of Freemasonry, it is unlawful for any Lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction to accept the petition for or confer any of the degrees of Freemasonry upon a Communist or upon anyone actively supporting the purposes thereof." He notes, and we think this condition is not confined to Florida, that Florida has suffered by lax investigations, and many times petitions are signed without any investigation whatever. He recommended that Lodges form a permanent committee for investigation, of five instead of three members, with the Worshipful Master, Senior Warden, and Junior Warden as permanent members thereof, two to be appointed by the Worshipful Master and stress be placed upon investigations. This regulation was adopted.

The proceedings contain a comprehensive report by the trustees of the Masonic Home of Florida. There are 68 guests resident in the Home and 41 non-resident relief rolls, the latter receiving monthly grants totalling $1,232.75.

The Order of the Eastern Star co-operates in the maintenance of this Home and has a representative on the Board of Trustees.

Bro. Clarence D. Johnson, Chairman of Committee on Masonic History, presented a report bringing to the brethren some facts pertaining to the history of the origin of Freemasonry. It is a concise, pithy yet lucid summary of the subject which should, with profit, be in the hands of every Master Mason. We note with much satisfaction, it is being reprinted in pamphlet for for distribution amongst the brethren. Stating "We are unable to find where Freemasonry originated, and there is no way to find out. Because Freemasonry is not the work of one man; its start was not heralded; no records were kept of this event; and the rituals have been handed down orally from person to person rather than by written documents", he goes on to define Masonry:

"Masonry is the activity of closely united men who, employing symbollic forms borrowed principally from architecture, work for the welfare of mankind, striving morally to enoble themselves and others and thereby bring about a universal league of mankind, which they aspire to exhibit now on a small scale."

Is the Masonic Order a secret society? No, it is not. Secret societies are those that do not acknowledge their existence to the public, meet secretly, and whose members keep their membership a secret. The Masonic Order or Fraternity acknowledges its existence to the world. The members are not asked to keep their membership a secret. The organization like most groups, has some secrets

but it is emphatically not a secret society. It is a fraternity and a charitable organization."

He traces Masonry down through the dark ages (about the tenth century) to the present time, and devotes some space to the opposition of the Roman Catholic Church to Masonry with reference to the famous (or infamous) bull of Pope Leo XIII.

The annual oration delivered by Bro. Walter J. Matherly, Grand Orator, entitled "The Fabric of Freemasonry" blends well with the above address, containing as it does some historical citations. He concludes his oration with pungent vituperation of Communism. "The United States today, which is the last great stronghold of democracy and of which we are justly proud Mason-citizens, is confronted with the gravest crisis in its history — with the battle of Armageddon. Unless we stop the drive of the Soviet Union to dominate the world, the powers of evil may triumph over the powers of good; the right of free people to govern themselves and to live peaceably together under the law may disappear; the ways of democracy may cease to exist; the fabric of Freemasonry may be torn to shreds; and the life and civilization we have known we may know no more."

Florida is a loyal supporter of the Order of DeMolay in whose jurisdiction there were as of September, 1950, forty-five Chapters with a membership of twenty-five hundred. An act of the Legislature prohibiting high school students from belonging to fraternities, was construed by the courts to prohibit such students from belonging to the Order of DeMolay. A resolution was adopted to petition the Legislature of the State of Florida to amend the act so as to permit a membership of high school students in the Order.

The Fraternal review prepared by R.W. Bro. Roy L. Martin, chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, gives a nice write-up of our Proceedings for 1949 for which we thank him.

Number of Lodges, 243; Membership, 49,035; Gain, 2,684.

Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Cleveland R. Horne.
Grand Secretary, R.W. Bro. Geo. W. Huff.
L.D.N.

GEORGIA — 1951

The One Hundredth and Sixty-fifth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Georgia Free and Accepted Masons convened in the City of Macon, October 23 and 24, 1951, M.W. Bro. Marvin C. Pound, presiding.

Prior to the opening of Grand Lodge, a religious service was held at Mulberry Street Methodist Church, Rev. W. C. Corley Grand Chaplain, and Pastor of Sparta Baptist Church, preaching the sermon, "Ye are the Salt of the Earth." Remarking about this in his address Grand Master Pound said "I trust that the Craft of Georgia approves of the religious service which I am holding this year prior to convening of the Grand Lodge, and that since this creates a fine atmos-

phere for opening of the Grand Lodge, I recommend that this be continued from year to year." This recommendation was adopted.

The Grand Master requested that all Grand Representatives stand as their names were called. We are glad to note Alberta's Representative answered the roll call.

The Grand Masters address indicates an exceptionally busy year, which may well be summed up by this quotation from the Committee on the Grand Master's address. "It is marvellous that a man so bound up with a variety of duties, both personal and Masonic, should have been able to make 193 visitations in the past Masonic year. As at least one of us knows, these are very often made while sound asleep and exhausted, flying over the roads at a high rate of speed and when a Grand Master finishes a year of what this tour of duty does to him, it takes at least the next three months for him to stop running and be able to draw his breath smoothly again at last. This part of the Grand Master's duty is very trying, but of course it is one of the most rewarding parts of his work, as it enables him to see, meet and enjoy the grand fellowship of Georgian Masons, the finest men in all the world." He laid fourteen cornerstones, removed one. Constituted two new Lodges and had the disagreeable duty of arresting one charter.

An act to declare it to be unmasonic conduct for a Mason to rent his property to a person engaged in selling, manufacturing, or furnishing spiritous, malt, or intoxicating liquors, was reported upon adversely by the Jurisprudence Committee, and after considerable discussion, was tabled. Two other matters of a similar nature, referring to the liquor business were dealt with. One concerning a number of brethren who were also members of an American Legion Post who had voted to install slot machines and to sell beer at the Legion Home; the other that Alee Temple AAONMS contemplated the purchase of a country club to be known as the Alee Temple Shrine Country Club where it was implied alcoholic beverages would be sold. The Committee was of the opinion that in neither of the cases would the members of the clubs involved be guilty of a violation of the Code.

However the Committee believed that the policy-making officers of such clubs as are personally responsible for the sale of alcoholic beverages, if they be Masons, would violate the Code, and ruled accordingly.

A resolution authorizing the Senior Grand Warden and Junior Grand Warden to attend the Grand Master's Conference in Washington, with expenses paid by Grand Lodge, was rejected.

Georgia's splendid Masonic Home for dependent children of Masons, has 75 children in the Home and contributed to the support of 13 children outside. Total assets are listed at $737,516.21 and expenses for the year $177,974.12, the latter including $1,500 transferred to the Endowment Fund. The Home was in receipt of a magnificent gift from Bro. Leslie A. Hanes and his wife, consisting of a deed to their property of seventy acres at Indian Springs, they retaining a life

tenancy. The tract includes a two-storey, ten room "Manor House" 117 years old, two cottages, and an abundance of timber.

We were rather astounded at the address of the Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Georgia, Royal Arch Masons, which not only being a clamorous solicitation for membership, if it did not actually ridicule, certainly belittled the Blue Lodge. Much as we admire the Royal Arch, we feel bound to comment, that such an address has no place at a Grand Lodge Communication, and we are surprised to see it printed in the Proceedings.

M.W. Bro. Dewey H. Wollstein, edits the "Messenger", a Grand Lodge publication with a circulation of 74,000, chronicling Masonic activities throughout Georgia. Bro. Wollstein also furnishes the Report on Foreign Correspondence, and comments in his foreword: "From our observations it is fairly certain that Masonry is becoming more alert to its own responsibilities as a vital factor in the present world affairs. We use Masonry as it should always be understood — the expression of the individual Mason." Alberta is not included in his review.

Number of Lodges, 467; Membership, 83,130; Net gain, 2,558.

Grand Master, M.W. Bro. J. G. Standifer.
Grand Secretary, R.W. Bro. Daniel W. Locklin.
L.D.N.

IDAHO — 1951

Eighty-fifth Annual Communication, Pocatello, September 18th, 19th and 20th, 1951. Sumner G. Davis. M.W. Grand Master; Clyde I. Rush, R.W. Grand Secretary; Ray F. Brookhart, M.W. Grand Master for 1951-1952.

82 Lodges; 13,277 Members; Net Gain, 333.

The Eighty-fifth Annual Communication was called to order by Most Worshipful Grand Master, Sumner G. Davis, promptly at 10.00 o'clock.

After the introduction of Distinguished Guests, the address of welcome was given by The Honourable and Brother Ray S. Hunter, chairman of the City Commission of Pocatello, who stated that his father, M.W. Bro. John Hunter, had been Grand Master of Idaho in 1888, and that he was highly pleased to see another Pocatello brother become Grand Master this year. I note in the list of Grand Representatives present that Alberta's does not appear.

One thing that I noticed that we might well copy, that is before a Brother is installed as Worshipful Master he must have a certificate of proficiency from the District Deputy, one of the recommendations of the Grand Master was that this recommendation must be procured before election, because there had been cases of where they had been elected and had not qualified for the certificate at installation time.

22 Brothers are listed who were presented with their 50 year buttons.

Among the many Special Communications was one on June 1st, 1951, for the Dedication of Masonic Temple at McCall of Payette Lake Lodge No. 91, where the 1952 Annual Communication will be held.

The Grand Orator, W. Bro. C. A. Bottolfsen gave the address who in closing had this to say. "In closing may I leave this thought for meditation on the part of those of us who are enrolled in the Order's List of Members. We read in vain, we go through the forms in vain, we lecture in vain, if we fail to apply the great moral principals of our Order to our walk of life. In vain, we preserve the Ancient Landmarks of the Craft, if we make no effort to live up to its teaching.

Let us feel that this Temple in McCall, will stand as one generation cometh and another goeth, a mute but eloquent witness of the truth, that, if Man would build for Eternity, he must imitate on earth the House not made with hands."

Most Worshipful Brother Ray F. Brookhart was installed as Grand Master for 1951-1952. The retiring Grand Master turned over the Grand Master's signet ring, presented to the Grand Lodge back in 1897, by Past Grand Master Fred G. Mock, and worn by every Grand Master since that time.

T.A.M.

ILLINOIS

One Hundred and Twelfth Annual Communication, Chicago, October 9th and 10th, 1951.

Benjamin T. Patton, Grand Master opened the Grand Lodge in ample form. Called on R.W. Grand Chaplin, Bro. Ralph E. Browns for Prayer.

In the long list of Distinguished Visitors present I notice our Past Grand Master Waldo F. Empey. The Grand Master then welcomed the visitors and asked Bro. Thomas S. Roy, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts to respond. Who said that we had one thing in common, and that is the same goal. Having the same goal, and same problems; how to take the raw material, shape them into Masons as we think Masons ought to be; to represent the best of our fraternity so that they will exemplify our principals and live according to the spirit of Freemasonry. The problem of men learning to live together. If we solve that problem we will find that most of the other problems we are facing will find their own solutions.

The Grand Master in his report says, it has been his priviledge to present many tokens of fifty year fraternal affiliation, but the greatest thrill was the priviledge of presenting a seventy-five year emblem to Bro. William B. Decker, a member of Tarbolton Lodge No. 351 at Fairbury.

Another subject he mentions is "Chain Letter" such missives are the product of a distorted mentality, unworthy of a Master Mason, and all of us should lend every effort to bring this practice to an end.

The superintendent of the Masonic Home at Sullivan stated that at the beginning of the year they had 233—141 men and 92 women, with an average age of 79 years, and at the close of the year there were 238.

The report of the Illinois Masonic Orphans Home shows the average membership for the year as 93. These two institutions require a lot of money for maintenance.

The address of Bro. John B. Hubbard, R.W. Grand Orator, is well worth a study. I would like to quote from it, but as usual when one tries to pick out a part it takes away from the address. I will try in my humble way to pass along some of it. His theme was "Masonic Paradoxes." Every Lodge has a closed door, guarded by a Tyler with a drawn sword in his hand, yet it is an open door to three and a half million men in this country. The closed door of Masonry opens wide to those who seek light. At one time the candidate is in darkness and then he beholds light. The gate of the Masonic Temple cannot be crashed. Oh, you can break down the door and think that you are now inside, but you will still be on the outside. The physical door is broken, but the true door of Masonry remains closed. It is a spiritual door that has to be opened and it cannot be done by force. Only those who sincerely and sacrificially seek more light, can open the door and find the light.

Lodges, 976; Membership, 243,519; Gain, 3.944.

James Green, Grand Master.
Richard C. Davenport, P.G.M., Grand Secretary.
T.A.M.

INDIANA

The One Hundredth and Twenty-ninth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, F. & A.M. was held at Indianapolis, on May 15th, 1951, with M.W. Bro. John E. Baldridge, Grand Master, presiding.

The Grand Master in his address, referred with approval to the Youth Organization, viz.: The Order of DeMolay, The Order of the Rainbow and The Order of Job's Daughters. He also paid respect to The Order of the Eastern Star, whose members have helped their Masonic Brethren in many worth-while projects, including the Masonic Home.

The sum of $500.00 was sent to the Manitoba Flood Relief Fund.

We sympathize with our Indiana brethren in the loss of two Past Grand Masters, who passed to the Great Beyond. M.W. Bro. William H. Swintz and M.W. Bro. Elba L. Branigin. M.W. Bro. William Swintz was also Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, from 1920 to 1947, and Grand Secretary Emeritus from 1947 to 1951.

The Grand Master presented a Certificate to W. Bro. Robert I. Berry, as Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, near the Grand Lodge of Indiana.

21 Indiana Lodges celebrated the 100th anniversaries during the year. The Grand Master personally attended 14 of these celebrations.

Dispensations were issued for two new Lodges, at Clermont and Griffith, and extension of these dispensations were granted by Grand Lodge.

There is an excellent report on the Masonic Home by the Superintendent. We note that the percentage of infirm members is on the increase. There are now in this Masonic Home, 125 men, and 158 women. 35 boys and 29 girls.

A motion to simplify the name of the Grand Lodge of Indiana was referred to the Lodges.

There were a number of requests for recognition from various Grand Lodges, which were acknowledged by the Committee on Fraternal Relations, but no definite action appeared to have been taken. The Grand Lodges referred to in the report were — Germany — China — Greece — Italy — and Israel. (The latter was stated to have changed its name to the "National Grand Lodge of Palestine.")

The Grand Master officiated at the laying of cornerstones of five new Masonic Temples in Indiana.

The Committee on Masonic Education have an excellent programme and have made available to the Lodges, without charge, the following services, — Instructive booklets and bulletins, Speakers service, Masonic Forums, Masonic Plays, Instruction books for candidates and Educational picture films dealing with the Masonic Home and other Masonic matters.

A contribution of $5,000.00 was sent to the George Washington National Memorial Association, which brings Indiana's total contribution to approximately a quarter of a million dollars.

The Grand Reviewer, M.W. Bro. Dwight L. Smith reviewed 70 Proceedings of 65 Grand Lodges. He uses a very abbreviated form of review. Apparently he does not care for the topical analysis or the State-by-State review. He says "The topical analysis tells the reader everything about nothing, while the exhaustive State-by-State plans tells him nothing about everything." We thanked him for a review of Alberta, 1950. We received ten lines, whereas England 1949, received three lines.

Number of Lodges, 540; Membership, 168,756; Gain, 3,623.

Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Oswald A. Tislow.
Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. Dwight L. Smith.

W.A.B.

IOWA — 1951

The One Hundredth and Seventh Annual Communication, Des Moines, June 12th, 13th and 14th.

The Grand Lodge was opened in ample form by Grand Master Glen G. Radcliffe with a long list of Distinguished Visitors in attendance.

They have 660 Lodges enrolled, and the Grand Master was a very busy person as it takes six pages to list his visitation. In the Grand Master's report we note the passing of five Past Grand Lodge Officers. We extend our sympathy in their loss. During the year two Lodges were destroyed by fire, Unionville No. 119 on June 27th, 1950 and Ally No. 578, January 21st, 1951. Dispensations were granted to the above so that they could hold meetings in other Lodge halls. A visit was paid to St. Clair Lodge No. 164, at Norway, by the Grand Master, reducing the number of Lodges never visited by a Grand Master to nineteen, the list of 19 unfortunate is given. In the long list of dispensations granted, I note an odd one: To hold a meeting in another hall in the same town, on account of a member of Lodge wishing to pass proficiency test in the Third Degree, and on account of heart condition was unable to climb stairs of regular meeting place. Under official opinions, I note that Iowa will not issue a demit until the Brother has passed proficiency test in the Third Degree. Courtesy Work is still quite a large item, the Lodges of Iowa conferred 90 for Lodges in other Grand Jurisdictions, while they had 241 conferred for them.

The age of this Grand Lodge shows up in the 50 year certificates issued during the year, 193 became eligible for this honor.

A Midwest Conference on Masonic Education was held in Cedar Rapids, on the 2nd of December, 1950. Delegates from 10 Grand Jurisdictions were present and according to the report they certainly put in a very busy and profitable day. They decided unanimously to hold another and that it should be for 2 days, and again at Cedar Rapids, on account of it being central and because it gave them the use of the Iowa Masonic Library.

Past Grand Master J. Guy Swartslander installed the officers for this year.

M.W. Bro. Millard D. Thomas as the Grand Master, who in his comments after installation, had the pleasure to introduce his three sons, who are members of his Lodge Moingona No. 633.

The invitation of Cedar Rapids to hold the One Hundredth and Eighth Annual Communication was accepted.

Working Lodges, 546; Membership, 95,087; Increase, 1,819.

T.A.M.

KANSAS

The Ninety-fifth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Kansas, A.F. & A.M., was held at Wichita, Kansas, on February 14th, 1951, The Grand Master M.W. Bro. Lynn R. Broderick, presiding.

Alberta's Representative, Bro. Harold C. Alexander, was present.

The Grand Master in a splendid and inspiring address pointed out the dangers that threaten the peace and freedom of the World, and he goes on to say:

"I do not believe now, and I shall never believe, that the Grand Architect of the Universe, who shapes and guides the destiny of man, will ever give up the people of this nation, the people of this world, to military destruction, or leave them unsupported to perish under the hands of human dictators — so long as the people of this nation, and of this world, will seek earnestly, and repeatedly, and continuously, to avoid the calamities of war by every decent, honorable and moral method which man's wisdom can invent."

The Grand Master attended the Annual Conferences of the Grand Masters of the United States and Canada, held in Washington, D.C. All of the forty-nine Grand Lodges of the United States were represented, and also the Grand Masters of Alberta, Chile, Cuba, Nova Scotia, Ontario, Saskatchewan and Quebec, were present.

There is an interesting photo in these Proceedings, showing the Grand Master presenting his father, Brother Harry Maxwell Broderick, with the gold emblem signifying that his father has been fifty years in Masonry. We offer our sincere congratulations.

The Grand Lodge of Kansas has a bylaw prohibiting the manufacture or sale of intoxicating liquor by Masons. Apparently this has caused a heavy demand on the services of the Committee on Trials and Punishments. In a two year period 126 Masons were expelled for violation of this bylaw.

The Kansas Masonic Home for aged Master Masons or their wives or widows, or members of the Eastern Star, date back to 1896. There are 92 Masons living in the Home and the lady residents number 166. The average age of the residents is over 80.

A dispensation was issued for a new Lodge at Mission Township, Johnson County, Kansas, to be known as Old Mission Lodge.

The Grand Orator, W. Bro. Frank L. Rearick, gave an address entitled, "The Creed of an American Mason". We were glad to have had the opportunity of reading this beautiful and interesting address, and are sorry that we have not space to publish it in this review.

Recognition was given to the following Grand Lodges: The Grand Orient of San Luis Potosi, Mexico — China — Israel — Netherlands — Greece — Venezuela — Piaui, Brazil — Grossloge Von Wien Fur Osterreich, Vienna, Austria — National Grand Lodge of France.

Fraternal relations were severed with the Grand Lodge of Uruguay, owing to information received that the Grand Lodge of Uruguay no longer requires a Sacred Volume to be placed on the Altar during work, nor do they require a belief in God from their members.

The petition of the Grand Lodge of Trieste, Italy, for recognition was held over "until such future time as conditions in that country become stable".

A full-time Grand Lecturer was appointed.

The Grand Master stated that he was fully convinced that the most pressing need of the Grand Jurisdiction of Kansas was a well directed, co-ordinated program of Masonic Education, and this phase of Masonic life had been neglected sadly. He therefore recommended the appointment of a Committee on Masonic Education, to consists of five members, to formulate an educational program and superintend the dissemination of Masonic information among the Craft. We were pleased to note that this recommendation was adopted by the Grand Lodge.

There is an interesting review of other Grand Lodge Proceedings by M.W. Bro. Otto R. Souders. Forty-seven Proceedings were reviewed.

No. of Lodges, 441; Membership, 91,882; Gain, 2,403.

Grand Master — M.W. Bro. Clarence G. Nevins.
Grand Secretary — M.W. Bro. Elmer F. Strain.

W.A.B.

LOUISIANA

The one hundred and fortieth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana was held in New Orleans on Monday, the twelfth day of February, 1951.

There were nineteen Grand Masters in attendance. Two hundred and forty-two Lodges were represented.

As this is written there are no accurate figures to indicate the growth of the Order, but in 1950 there were 39,985 members, but at the end of the year it will probably be in the neighborhood of 42,000.

The Grand Master in his Address to the Brethren and in reviewing it, I would like to quote the part in which he said, "The power of the Masonic Fraternity, if brought to bear upon world conditions, can be a powerful force: the tragedy is that so much of the potential force of our Craft, remains just that potential." I repeat we have in Masonry a great potential force for good — the greatest secular force the world knows, which to my mind, in reviewing, is very true.

It was interesting to note, a Masonic Home for girls, twelve years and over, and sixty thousand dollars was asked for and contributed within the year, and the corner stone laid, which is truly the Masonic Spirit.

The new Grand Lodge Officers were installed for 1951, which are the following:

M.W. T. W. Sharp, Grand Master.

R.W. O. H. Dabizies, D.G.M.

R.W. Alex L. Stephens, G.S.W.

R.W. C. Baesley, G.J.W.

R.W. D. P. Laguens, G. Secretary.

W.E.D.

GRAND LODGE OF MAINE

The one hundred and thirty-second Annual Communication of Grand Lodge was held in the Masonic Temple, Portland, Tuesday, May 1st, 1951.

There were 258 Delegates representing 185 of the 207 Chartered Lodges, all the living P.G.M.'s, also 55 of the 73 Representatives of other Grand Lodges and other visiting Brethren.

The Grand Master gave them a warm welcome and said although the world around us is torn by disunity and discord, let us give thanks to the Supreme Architect of the Universe that we are permitted to meet here in peace and harmony to conduct our deliberations.

In speaking of the fraternity, he remarked it was in a healthy condition and the records show an increased membership. There was a net gain of 851 and the total membership of December 31st, 1950, was 45,032, the largest membership ever recorded.

But he said whether our present numerical gains prove of permanent value to the fraternity depends largely upon whether or not the new members are taught the true meaning of Masonry and are assimilated in the body of the craft.

In reviewing these proceedings, I was struck with the wonderful response for help from the G. M. of Manitoba for the Brethren who had lost so much in the terrible flood conditions which prevailed in that province.

The Grand Lodge of Maine voted five hundred dollars, and a grand total of twenty thousand dollars was sent from the Masonic Service Association to Grand Master Coddington of Manitoba to be used to alleviate the distress the suffering of the Manitoba Brethren, which is really the true Masonic spirit.

The Grand Lodge Officers were installed as follows:

Ervin E. Lander — M.W. Grand Master.

Benjamin W. Ela — R.W. Deputy G. M.

Lewis T. Brown — Senior G.W.

Harry I. Rollins — Junior G.W.

The one hundred and thirty-third Annual Communication will be held at the Masonic Temple, Portland, Tuesday, May 6th, 1952, at 9 a.m.

W.E.D.

MANITOBA 1951

M.W. Bro. Charles E. Cole, Grand Master of the M.W. The Grand Lodge of Manitoba convened the Seventy-sixth Annual Communication in the City of Winnipeg on Wednesday, the 13th June, 1951, with distinguished guests from Saskatchewan, British Columbia, Minnesota, North Dakota and The Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario.

It is always a pleasure to review the Proceedings of this Grand Lodge, for to the reviewer it is so full of meat that one wonders where to start and how to finish and thus give ample justice to the review.

We start out with an address delivered by Bro. Rev. J. Burton Thomas, rector of St. Matthew's Church, Winnipeg, given at the rededication service, celebrating the 75th Anniversary of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, taking as his theme "Brotherhood", from which I quote as follows:

". . . And finally, let us remember that this business of brotherhood is not a mass movement despite all our emphasis upon the mass, the numbers, the crowds in the 20th century. Far from it. On the contrary, brotherhood is a movement of individuals, with all their ideosyncrasies, and personal prejudices, dedicated to a common cause, and inspired by a common goal. And so it is that the great task of every Freemason, as I see it, is to fit himself personally, mentally, morally, spiritually for Brotherhood. To find his welfare in the general good, to hold together, merging all Degrees in one wide Brotherhood. Well, Brethren, Freemasonry has been in the world preaching and practicing the doctrine of Brotherhood for so long that its origins are buried in antiquity. It is up to you now; each individual and each generation has a clear responsibility not only to practice Brotherhood but to pass it on, untarnished and undimmed, to those who come after."

The address of Grand Master Cole discloses a very active term of office and while at times it was somewhat rather strenuous, it was nevertheless a very happy and gracious period in his life. He instituted four new Lodges; one, Fort Prince of Wales, is located at Churchill in what has become known as the "Northern Tip". In his recommendations he draws attention to the desirability of Lodge secretaries preparing more attractive Lodge summonses, making the notice something more than a summary of the business to be considered and suggesting a personal touch that would be of interest not only to the local members but those removed from the Lodge.

From Grand Master Cole's concluding remarks I quote the following:

"The Craft has its part to play in world events, as well as in our daily lives. To the brethren who will seek, they will find in

the Craft a rock of strength, a unifying and benevolent force in their daily lives — satisfaction and contentment in their contacts with their brethren. They will find the best, and gradually eliminate the worst that is in all men. 'Man was born to associate with his fellow man.' Where better can that be done than in the Craft. The bounties of the Craft are endless, a source of quiet pride and happiness. There is a beautiful and significant sentence in the work of an institution of a Lodge that I would ask you to accept as your pattern in Freemasonry. . . . I trust that you will have one aim, to please each other and unite in the grand design of being happy and communicating happiness."

On the invitation of the Rector of St. Alban's Anglican Church, Winnipeg, Grand Lodge was convened for the purpose of laying the Corner Stone of the new Church. The stone used was the corner stone from St. John's College Building, recovered when the latter building was demolished. The M.W. the Grand Master was unable to attend but he was ably represented by M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas, who acted in his stead. Upon completion of the ceremony M.W. Bro. Douglas gave an oration on St. Alban and we are told that "St. Alban loved Masons well and cherished them much and made their pay right good, viz. two shillings per week and three pence to their cheer; whereas before that time, through all the land, a Mason had but a penny a day and his meat, until St. Alban amended it. He also obtained from the King a charter for the Freemasons for to hold a general council, and gave it the name of Assembly, and was thereat himself, as Grand Master, and helped make Masons and gave them good charges."

The Grand Lodge of Manitoba has made a new departure so far as Canadian Grand Lodges are concerned in the appointment of an executive Grand Secretary and in January, 1951, W. Bro. M. Gordon McKenzie, P.M. of Fort Garry Lodge, was introduced to the members of the Board of General Purposes and commenced his duties. The Grand Secretary will, in future, be a nominal officer of Grand Lodge.

The membership showed an increase of 489.

M.W. Bro. S. H. Farni is very diplomatic in his report on Foreign Relations; without committing his Grand Lodge in any way, he extends encouragement and congratulations to the Grand Bodies seeking recognition and commends them for the work they are doing, but no recommendation for recognition was presented.

The Committee on Benevolence shows that this side of the work of Grand Lodge is receiving every attention. During the year $12,000.00 was expended to beneficiaries.

Few Grand Lodges are fortunate enough to have so zealous a Grand Historian as that of Manitoba and in M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas they have every reason to be proud of his efforts. I do not know what occupation Bill Douglas followed before his retirement, but whatever it was he missed his calling. Year after year it has been my good fortune to read his historical records as he presented them to Grand Lodge; each year his story is more thrilling, and in "Seven

Oaks" he has excelled himself. Bill Douglas can tell a very good story and when reading the seventeen odd pages on "Seven Oaks" I had to stop and make sure I was reading a "Grand Lodge Proceeding" rather than a thriller or saga of the North. The inclusion in the Proceedings of the history of Manitoba must have a beneficial effect on the members of the Lodges and I would presume go a long way towards inducing the Craft as a whole to read the record. Our congratulations to M.W. Bro. Douglas on his fine achievement.

A very excellent report is presented from the Committee on Masonic Research and Education; we agree with the Committee that "Masonry in Manitoba" is a very valuable means of education. The Grand Librarian has conducted some thirty researches on topics outside the commonplace and has assisted in drafting some sixteen addresses. We are told that during the year the library has been a very popular place, many of the brethren taking advantage of the noon or lunch hour to browse among the books, reading and gathering material for addresses, thus showing great interest in Masonic study.

The Masonic Reviews are presented under the chairmanship of R.W. Bro. Hugh M. Kerr; Alberta 1950 is reviewed and consists of excerpts from the address of M.W. Bro. H. B. Macdonald.

W.I.

MARYLAND 1951

Lodges, 125; Membership, 42,317; Gain, 1,057.

Grand Master — M.W. Bro. Jacob S. New.

Grand Secretary — M.W. Bro. Claud Shaffer.

The 165th Annual Communication was held at the Masonic Temple, Baltimore, November 20-21, 1951.

Distinguished guests included M.W. Grand Masters of the Grand Lodges of Massachusetts, Virginia, New York, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Delaware, District of Columbia and Indiana, and other Grand Lodge officers as representatives from the Grand Lodges of Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Vermont, Illinois and West Virginia.

The semi-annual communication of Grand Lodge was held at the Masonic Temple, Baltimore, May 15, 1951.

Special communications of the Grand Lodge were held April 25, 1951, for the purpose of dedicating a new Masonic Temple of Prince Frederick Lodge at Prince Frederick; May 19, 1951, for the purpose of laying the cornerstone of the Wesley Grove Methodist Church at Harmans, Maryland; June 13, 1951, for the purpose of constituting York Lodge No. 225; June 9, 1951, at the Masonic Homes (Bonnie Blink) at Cockeysville, Maryland, for the purpose of dedicating the New Infirmary.

In his address the Grand Master gave a brief account of his visit to the United Grand Lodge of England on the occasion of the installation of the M.W. Rt. Hon. the Earl of Scarborough as Grand

The Grand Master's reference to and the report on Masonic Homes indicates that these are operating successfully though faced with the usual financial difficulties attending such institutions. It is proposed to extend the use of the New Infirmary to admit outside guests, which would appear to mean relatives other than wives or widows of Brethren. At the end of the fiscal year there were 92 female and 23 male guests in the Home.

During the year there were 33 Fifty-Year badges presented.

In the Grand Master's address at the semi-annual communication he quoted from the address of the M.W. Bro. Gilman at the Annual Communication on **May 18, 1845,** of which the following is a part:

"Through the goodness of our beneficent Creator and Supreme Grand Master we are once more permitted to assemble in Grand Lodge, and to salute each other with friendly greeting; to discuss and to deliberate upon the means whereby the peace, harmony, and prosperity of our beloved Institution in general are to be maintained and preserved; and to adopt such measures as may seem best calculated to promote the well-being of the Order in this State in particular. And while we raise our hearts and voices in humble thankfulness to Him who has thus far preserved to us the full measure of our ancient rights and privileges, let us not forget that upon ourselves, and upon our own conduct among ourselves, in no inconsiderable degree, depends the continuance of this blessing: for how can we hope for the continued aid of His protecting arm, if we remain not faithful to the tenets of our profession?"

There has been much progress in the arts and sciences in the past 100 years. Whether it can be shown that there has been equal progress or improvement in the ethics and morals of people generally in the same period may be questioned, but the above admonition is useful still.

F.J.K.

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

A review of the 1950 Proceedings of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts has been very interesting in spite of the fact that it is now two years ago. I found that I was reviewing the Proceedings of a Grand Lodge who laid claim to be the oldest in the Western Hemisphere. The Grand Master in his Address quoted from a Senior Grand Master and it is worth re-quoting it here; the said Grand Master was addressing the newly installed G.M. for the year: "You have now been chosen to what is, to my mind, the highest Masonic office in the world. You are to become the Premier of the primeval Grand Lodge of the Western Hemisphere. True, there are older Grand Lodges in the world, but the command of them, as of our Mother Grand Lodge of England, depends upon birth and station, but you, my Brother, stand at the head of this Grand Lodge because of the unanimous suffrage of the Masons of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. No higher compliment can ever come to you; no

greater Masonic office exists than that in which you are about to be installed.

The Grand Master of Massachusetts is elected for a three-year term; M.W. Bro. Roger Keith reported that he was presiding over 116,646 Masons who were divided up into 33 districts. There were the four quarterly meetings held during the year and in addition thirteen special communications. These Special communications were interesting; one celebrated the 150th anniversary, two the 125th anniversary, one the centenary, two the seventy-fifth and three the twenty-fifth. At the meeting in Boston of the Hesperia Lodge to celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary, the W.M. and Brethren of Garibaldi Lodge of New York put on the first Degree in Italian, following a New York Ritual.

There is a wealth of statistical information given in these proceedings, as in nearly all proceedings from the States there is a list of Past Grand Masters back to 1777 and prior to that the Grand Masters for the previous Grand Lodge of 1769-1777 as well as the St. Johns Grand Lodge of 1733-1792, a span of over two hundred years.

This year's Grand Lodge recognized The Grand Lodge of Greece and also the Gran Logia de la Masoneria, Argentina.

M.W. Bro. Keith was succeeded by M.W. Bro. T. S. Roy. I gathered from the comments made that he was a Baptist Minister. We trust that he is having a successful tenure of office.

Grand Master — M.W. Bro. T. S. Roy.

Grand Secretary — R.W. Bro. Frank H. Hilton.

Grand Representative of Alberta — R.W. Bro. Geo. A. Chisholm.

Grand Representative in Alberta - M.W. Bro. Archdeacon Middleton.

E.H.R.

MINNESOTA

The Ninety-eighth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, A.F. & A.M., was held in the City of St. Paul, on March 21st, 1951, with the Grand Master M.W. Bro. Keith M. Brown presiding. Alberta's Representative, W. Bro. Edwin J. Simon was present.

The Grand Master stated that the granting of dispensations had become a racket, particularly those asking for permission to confer the work on more than five candidates. During his term of office, he issued 590 dispensations, of which 562 were to initiate more than five but less than ten, at one session. Some of these dispensatons were not approved by the Committee on Jurisprudence. This Committee also disapproved of the following rulings by the Grand Master.

(1) That a candidate who was called into military service might receive the degrees in an abreviated form.

(2) That a Lodge erred in accepting a petition from a person outside their jurisdiction.

(3) That a Minnesota Lodge might allow the officers of a Lodge in another Grand Jurisdiction to take the chairs at a meeting and confer a degree according to the ritual in that other Grand Jurisdiction on a candidate of that Minnesota Lodge.

(4) That a Lodge might donate money from its general fund to the DeMolay Foundation Inc.

(5) That a petition could be made out before the prospective candidate reaches his majority, the Lodge acting on that petition after the candidate was 21 years of age.

(6) On being asked if a Lodge might make donations to the Red Cross, — Kenny Foundation — Cancer Society — Community Fund — Beach Improvement Society — and Tuberculosis Society, the Grand Master ruled that a Lodge could make donations to any worth-while cause, providing the same was approved by a vote of the Lodge.

(7) That the sum each petitioner paid to the Masonic Home was part of the fee for receiving degrees.

The Jurisprudence Committee's report was adopted by Grand Lodge. So apparently the Grand Lodge did not approve of the above rulings.

The Grand Master ordered an appropriation of the sum of $500.00 for the assistance of the brethren in the flooded areas of Manitoba. He was of the opinion that the sum should have been more, but was restricted by regulations.

Fraternal recognition was given to the Grand Lodge of China. The request for recognition from the Grand Lodge of Israel was deferred, without prejudice, for further investigation.

The address of the Grand Orator, W. Bro. Guy E. McCune, is most interesting, and we are glad to have had the opportunity of reading it.

M.W. Bro. Harold S. Pond, Grand Secretary of North Dakota gave a most interesting and constructive address, entitled "The Challenge to Religious Liberty". We have not space to publish this excellent address, but we note the following paragraph, which gives food for serious thought.

"The Church must regain touch with dominant realities. No single fact is used with greater effect by the infiltrating Communist as he seeks to win the colored peoples of the far East, than the failure of the Church and of democracy to practice its principles in the matter of race relations. The Church and the Masonic

Lodge cannot preach brotherhood effectively and permit race discrimination to continue."

The Committee on Masonic Research and Information reported that twenty Fellowship Meetings and some thirteen or fourteen District Schools of Instruction had been held, and the sum of $1,200.00 had been expended on printing Educational Booklets, for distribution to the Lodges during the year 1950.

At the opening of Grand Lodge the National Colors and the Union Jack were presented, and the National Anthem and God Save the King were played.

The Report of Foreign Correspondence by the Chairman of the Committee reviews the Proceedings of 50 Grand Lodges, but does not include Alberta. In his forward, the Chairman, M.W. Bro. E. A. Montgomery says:

"In my opinion the noticeable and outstanding feature found in the Proceedings reviewed has been the very clear and pronounced expressions of Grand Masters, Grand Orators and all other brethren addressing Grand Lodges, as to the unusually unsafe and threatening conditions existing today in this world, and as to the applications by Masons to the problems presented, of the principles, philosophy and teachings of Masonry as a potent factor in solving our problems and combating the forces that are seeking to overrun and destroy our inherited and God-given liberties and our Fraternity."

No. of Lodges, 291; Membership, 62,524; Gain, 1,809.

Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Einar W. Johnson.
Grand Secretary, R.W. Bro. John H. Anderson.
W.A.B.

MISSISSIPPI

The one hundred and thirty-third Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi was held at Jackson, Mississippi, on February 13th and 14th, 1951.

The Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Hal K. Jackson, stated in his address that he had approved a donation of $411.63 to the Winnipeg Flood Relief Fund for Masons in the flooded areas in Manitoba.

That he had granted nearly one hundred dispensations, to confer degrees out of time on candidates. All but one of these were for service men who were about to leave the State. He explained that while this was a large number, he felt we should not stand in the way of a worthy man receiving the degrees in Masonry when he is being called into the service of his country.

Dispensations were granted for two new Lodges — Saints John Lodge at Meridian and James A. Myers Lodge at Jackson. Horn Lake Lodge No. 617 was constituted.

Alberta's Representative, Bro. H. D. Corley, was present at this communication.

Requests for recognition were received from the following Grand Jurisdictions: Ceara, Minas Gerais, Rio Grande do Sul and Piaui in Brazil; Nuevo Leon and El Potosi in Mexico; Zu den Alten Pflichen and United Grand Lodge in Germany; the National Grand Lodge in France; China; Israel; The Netherlands; Austria; Peru; Greece; and Trieste (Italy). Recognition was not recommended, except to the Grand Lodge of the Netherlands and the National Grand Lodge of France.

The report of the Fraternal Correspondent was a little unusual, as it consisted in selected quotations from outstanding speakers in various Grand Jurisdictions in the United States. They make very interesting and instructive reading.

In the report of the Committee on Masonic Law and Jurisprudence, there are a number of interesting decisions. We note the following:

In reply to a question as to whether a candidate was eligible who had lost his left arm at the shoulder, it was ruled that it was for the Lodge to determine whether or not the candidate had the necessary physical qualifications by the use of mechanical art or device to qualify for the degrees.

It was ruled that a man who was hard of hearing, and had to have a hearing aid to understand the lectures and obligations, was eligible to receive the degrees.

In reply to a question as to whether a man who had served time in a penitentiary but was later found innocent and received a full pardon, it was ruled that the Lodge could receive his application.

Reports are included from the two Superintendents of the Masonic Homes. There are 16 girls in one of the Homes and 23 boys in the other.

It was resolved that this Grand Lodge of Mississippi, in recognition of the great work of Hon. J. Edgar Hoover, as head of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, bestow on him honorary membership in this Grand Lodge.

The report of the Grand Lecturer, M.W. Bro. J. Rice Williams, was most interesting. We quote the following paragraphs, and regret that we have not space for more:

"Our forefathers formulated and established this great nation of ours on their faith in God and their desire to forge ahead through individual initiative, when one ate bread by the sweat of his face. There was no thought or desire for government security from the cradle to the grave, nor any thought that the sluggard should be honored, the drone glorified and the spendthrift exalted."

"Too many men, including Masons, vociferously condemn Communism, totalitarianism, dictatorship and regimentation in foreign lands and then, complacently, accept regimentation and socialism at home, especially if it brings pecuniary benefits to himself or his

community. If these ideologies are obnoxious and hurtful to people abroad so much that we are willing for our boys to die to crush them, surely it is not asking too much that we crush all these ideologies and un-Americanisms with our ballots. Let us henceforth live in accord with our denunciation of every form of regimentation and infringement of the individual's right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Talking about it does very little, if any, good, unless words are followed by deeds. And those deeds in the form of the ballot for true Americans for local, state, and national offices are the deeds that can avail."

It was resolved that portions of this address should be sent to the newspapers for use as they see fit, and that every Lodge should read the full report at a stated communication.

Number of Lodge (1950), 308; Membership, 41,163: Gain, 1,785.

Grand Master — M.W. Bro. Joe Lee Smith.

Grand Secretary — R.W. Bro. Sid F. Curtis.

W.A.B.

MISSOURI — 1951

Grand Master — M.W. Brother Ray Bond.

Grand Master (elected) — M.W. Brother Homer L. Ferguson.

Grand Secretary — M.W. Bro. Dr. H. L. Reader, P.G.M., St. Louis.

Lodges, 595; Membership, 116,025; Gain, 1,925.

Grand Representative in Missouri for Alberta — R.W. Bro. Wm. C. Rese.

Grand Representative in Alberta for Missouri — M.W. Bro. A. West.

The One Hundred and Thirtieth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Missouri was held in the City of St. Louis on September 25th, 26th and 27th, 1951, with the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Ray Bond, presiding.

A large number of distinguished visitors was introduced by R.W. Bro. Judge John W. Calhoun. The visitors included four brethren from the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands, and your Reviewer was also privileged to be one of those presented, and I wish to thank the brethren in Missouri for the many courtesies extended to me. The Grand Master's address contained a wealth of information, both to the members of Missouri and to Freemasons in general. The Grand Master reported that Freemasonry in Missouri was in a healthy state and the influence of the Fraternity was being felt in their respective communities. The Missouri Lodge of Research is doing great constructive work and in the short space of ten years has become the largest Lodge of Research in the Western Hemisphere and is exceeded only by the English Lodge of Research (Quatuor Coronati), which was established more than half a century ago.

The Grand Lodge of Missouri maintains a Masonic Home for the aged and for children. They are operated carefully and well and are the pride of our Missourian brethren. Missouri has both District Deputy Grand Masters and Grand Lecturers, 60 of each. Although not enjoying good health, the visitations of the Grand Master were many and varied, both in his own Grand Jurisdiction and elsewhere; we hope his health has become greatly improved ere this. A large number of dispensations were issued for various reasons, including no less than 13 for the laying of cornerstones, 6 for new Masonic Temples, and 7 for public buildings. The Grand Lodge of Missouri rendered wonderful help and aid to the communities who suffered from one of the most devastating flood disasters in the history of the States. 419 Lodges were represented at Grand Lodge and 247 Lodges not represented (too many absentees); the total number of members signing the register was 946.

A Review of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Missouri would not be complete without a word of congratulation to M.W. Brother Ray V. Denslow, P.G.M., for his masterly Fraternal Review "The Masonic World". This is beyond doubt the most complete and instructive Review written and members of the Craft everywhere are indebted to M.W. Bro. Denslow for the valuable and instructive information he yearly provides for us. Thank you, Ray.

Concluding this Review, I would like to quote the following from the address of the Grand Master, M.W. Brother Ray Bond:

"The great conflict being waged both internationally and within our own borders is the conflict between materialism and spiritual values. We, as Freemasons, are dedicated to the support of the latter concept, and it is part of our obligation that we shall live and conduct ourselves in our daily lives as to promote the moral and spiritual welfare of our respective communities and of those with whom we come in contact."

S.H.

MONTANA — 1951

135 Lodges; 24,197 Members; 514 Gain.

Grand Master — M.W. Bro. Percy W. Doles.

Grand Secretary — M.W. Bro. Ralph N. Lodge.

The Eighty-Seventh Annual Communication was held at Butte, August 21-22, 1951.

During the Fiscal Year, Special Communications were held for the purpose of laying cornerstones of new temples at Belgrade and Columbia Falls, and to dedicate new temples at Bozeman and Belgrade.

Distinguished guests introduced at the Annual Communication included M.W. Bro. Carl H. Claudy, P.G.M., Washington, D.C., and representatives from the Grand Lodges of North Dakota, Minnesota, Washington, Wyoming, Alberta and Saskatchewan.

Alberta had a good representation headed by Grand Master M.W. Bro. Waldo Empey, and including Past Grand Masters Bond, Cumming, Ellis, Harris and Middleton, as well as Deputy Grand Master Howard and Senior Grand Warden Jackson.

Visitation by the Grand Master to other jurisdictions during the year included annual communications of Idaho, Wyoming, California, Minnesota, North Dakota and Alberta Grand Lodges, the conference of Grand Masters at Washington, D.C., and the Western Canadian Grand Masters' Conference at Banff, Alta.

Thirty-one Brethren were invested with Fifty-Year badges during the year.

In addressing Grand Lodge, the Grand Chaplain, R.W. Bro. Dr. Geo. S. Morrell chose as his subject "A View of Two Ways of Life", beginning his talk with illustrative paragraphs from the writings of President Stassen of the University of Pennsylvania on his world travels, who gave his impressions of two men whom he had met — one, Dr. Albert Schweitzer, a religious and near saintly man living in the grass-covered jungle ministering to the people of French Equatorial Africa and who he described as the living symbol of the ideals, the humanitarianism and the philosophy of our way of life, and the other, Marshal Josef Stalin, who he depicts as the personal embodiment of the goals, the force and the ideology of the Communistic way of life. Bro. Morrell in developing his theme and pointing directives for our way of life quotes from an editorial that he had read recently in a local newspaper headed "India Awaits a New Messiah" that read as follows:

"Holy Men of India in a recent gathering predicted that a great teacher of the stature of Jesus, Mohammed or Buddha would arise soon to save mankind from the passions that are sending it along the road to self-destruction. Man will be conditioned to receive the great teaching by the fears now arising, they said."

The editorial comments: "What teaching can this new Messiah impart to man that he doesn't know already? All the great teachers of the past have taught man that the way of salvation is through peace, humility, service and love. The simple virtues have been extolled for the edification of the human family. They have been written for all to read. The Bible is and has long been the best seller in western civilization. But so far has man departed from the truth in favor of materialism that the ultra-materialistic teaching that the state is the foundation of all wisdom has made strides in many lands, including this one. Another dispenser of Truth coming to straighten out the human race? It will have to straighten itself out. That may happen when the storm grows to such intensity that the compass provided millenniums ago will once more become the instrument of guidance."

Thus, more and more are we being reminded that all that is needed is for men to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest the old, solid truths to find our way of life.

The report of the committee on the Masonic Home Board shows

that the year under review was one of the most successful in its history. There were 43 members in the Home at June 30, 1951; average age 80.7 years.

F.J.K.

NEBRASKA — 1951

Lodges, 276; Membership, 42,340; Gain, 971.

Grand Master — M.W. Bro. John S. Hedelund.

The Ninety-fourth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska was held at Omaha from June 5th to 7th, 1951. Seventeen Past Grand Masters were present, along with a large number of distinguished visitors and guests. The address of welcome was delivered by Bro. Ralph S. Fully.

A gavel made from the original wood that went into the erection of the first White House at Washington in 1793, with President George Washington presiding at the laying of the cornerstone, was presented to the Lodge by M.W. Benjamin F. Eyra, P.G.M. He reviewed the history of the White House and the efforts to secure the wood for the gavel.

M.W. The Grand Master in his address expressed his appreciation that "we had now more than recovered our losses of members in the depression years of the 30's." He gave an extensive review of the different activities of the Masonic Lodges during the year, including his extended visitations and wonderful receptions tendered him. Among the matters particularly mentions was the Grand Masters' Conference at Washington. There is no Grand Master who does not learn something which can be translated into active help in his own jurisdiction, he added.

The Trial Commission upheld the stand taken by the Grand Lodge respecting members entering the business of "sale of intoxicating liquors". A member doing so was liable to suspension, expulsion or reprimand.

Regarding the state of the Craft, he remarked that "numbers alone do not express the true State of Masonry. It is more gratifying to know that there is a greater proficiency in the work both individually and as Lodges. We have now recovered more than the losses of the 30's."

There were 2,072 initiations, 318 affiliations and 372 reinstatements. Net gain, 971. Sixty-seven Fifty-Year buttons were presented during the year.

The Lodge has investments totalling over $700,000.00, of which over $11,000.00 is in provincial investments in Canada.

There are 129 Lodge Secretaries who have served 25 years or more in that office.

Three new Masonic temples were dedicated during the year and three seventy-fifth anniversaries held, all efficiently and delightfully handled.

A new unit is being built to the Masonic Home which is to cost $350,000.00. The Home at all times is filled to capacity.

M.W. Bro. Thomas Aron was elected Grand Master for 1951-2.

J.W.G.M.

NEVADA — 1951

Lodges, 28; Membership, 4,576; Gain, 83.

Grand Master - - M.W. Bro. Chester L. Cochran.

The Eighty-seventh Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Nevada was held at Carson City, June 14-15, 1951. Alberta's Representative, Bro. Robt. A. Trimble, was in attendance. The address of welcome was by His Excellency the Governor of the State of Nevada, Bro. Charles H. Russell, P.M. of Ely Lodge No. 29.

He called attention to two great symbols, the American flag, symbolizing independence and individual right, and the letter "G", symbolizing the divine teachings that lifted mankind from barbarism to Christianity; from darkness to the light of aiding and understanding each other.

A fifty-year button was presented to Alberta's representative, Bro. Robert A. Trimble, raised in 1901 and Secretary since December, 1926. Congratulations. Brother.

The Grand Master in his address said: "We owe a duty not only to ourselves and our lodges but to our nations and our fellow man, whether or not he is a member of the craft. We must dedicate and devote more of our time to some public service, to something outside the lodgeroom, something to create a little more happiness to those less fortunate than ourselves. In a free and democratic nation there is room for Masonry and for other fraternal service organizations but no room for any 'ism' that leads to any form of communism. In the Communist-governed countries there is no room for any independent church, fraternity or society." He paid a moving tribute to the memory of those who had laid down their working tools of life. Masonry in Nevada, the Grand Master said, had passed the 4,500 mark. The state of the craft was GOOD. He did not fear the fate of the smaller lodge when members travelled 75 or 100 miles each month to attend a stated communication — the concern was with members of the larger lodges who cannot walk a few blocks to attend lodge.

The Grand Master visited every lodge in the jurisdiction and was royally received.

Several dispensations were issued during the year with which your Reviewer would be in agreement if made in our own jurisdiction. Eighteen members were honored with Fifty-Year buttons.

Approval was given to several inter-jurisdictional visits from outside jurisdictions, the purpose of conferring the third degree on their own candidate.

There is quite a fund of statistical and other information contained in the report of the Grand Secretary. He suggested members should have the Service Bulletin read in the Lodge and so be better informed Masonically.

The report of the Grand Trustees showed the Lodge to be in good financial condition.

It appears one of the dutics of the jurisprudence committee is to report on the legality of the decisions or rulings of the Grand Master; the committee approved mostly all the decisions made.

Alberta is given a very generous review. Thank you.

Wor. Bro. Henry C. Nelson was elected M.W. the Grand Master. Elko was chosen as the place of meeting in 1952, June 12.

J.W.G.M.

NEW BRUNSWICK — 1951

The Eighty-fourth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick was opened in ample form on Thursday, the 23rd August, in the City of St. John, with M.W. Bro. Dougald J. M. McLean, Grand Master, presiding.

Upon extending a welcome to the delegates, the Grand Master called upon R.W. Bro. Rev. Arthur E. Coleman, Grand Chaplain, to conduct a service of Thanksgiving.

Many distinguished visitors were present, including the Grand Master of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the Grand Master of Canada in Ontario, the Grand Master of Nova Scotia, the Grand Master of North Carolina, and Past Grand of New Hampshire, all of whom were warmly received.

The address of the Grand Master is largely a report of his activities during his term of office. He suggests the District Deputies hold annual meetings in their districts. Benevolence is a subject he dwells on to the benefit of the constituent Lodges. He speaks in glowing terms of his visit to the centennial of the Grand Lodge of California, the Conference of Grand Master at Washington, and the All Canada Conference. From the closing portion of his address I quote the following:

"Faith in certain fundamentals has carried our people to a very high level of spiritual and material well being. No claim is made, nor should be made, that we have achieved the ultimate. The fundamentals by which we achieved an undreamed richness of heritage are: Belief and faith in God — Belief and faith in the individual — Belief and faith in works. These faiths have led to development of a system of government and in a code of conduct, undergirded by a set of written rights and responsibilities which

stand the test side by side with other forms of religious structure. Allegiance to these faiths held and strengthened through the years. At this historic time, when our ideals are being seriously assailed again, it is time to restate our faith in these elementary faiths -- all anchored in the first 'Belief and Faith in God'. And since no faith is deeper than the work it generates, it is a good idea to take a look at the work as represented by the segment that we do something about; we individually and in our social groups. We as individuals and as a group must maintain our allegiance to these fundamental faiths and strive to live them in our work."

The Grand Secretary's report shows an increase in membership for the year of 254.

The Committee on the Fund of Benevolence disbursed $2,775.00.

The report of the Committee on Masonic Education contains the following paragraph:

"Five years have passed since the Lodge system of Masonic Education was introduced in this Grand Jurisdiction. The Lodge system is designed to function through an educational committee appointed by the Master of the Lodge and to give the candidate pertinent information on Masonry not covered by the Ritual. Apparently few Lodges, if any, are working the system. Consequently it has failed to accomplish its purpose. However, the importance of supplementary instruction for the candidate has not diminished. Indeed, it is a subject of lively interest in most Masonic circles. Believing that Grand Lodge is conscious of its responsibility for leadership in this matter, your Committee intends to examine the possibilities of making available to the candidate Masonic information which every newly made Mason should have."

New Brunswick does not publish Reviews of the Proceedings.
W.I.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF NEWFOUNDLAND — 1951

The Eightieth Annual Communication of the District Grand Lodge of Newfoundland of the United Grand Lodge of England was held in St. John's on Thursday, May 3rd, 1951, with District Grand Master Rt. Wor. George R. Williams, D.G.M., in the chair.

Masonry in Newfoundland, Canada's newest Province, is still under the jurisdiction of the United Grand Lodge of England and not as the other Provinces a sovereign body.

The report of the District Grand Secretary shows that they have a membership of 1,979, a net increase of 59 over the previous year, and 16 Lodges with one under dispensation. He states that the District continues to maintain a strong and flourishing condition and the greatest harmony has prevailed throughout the year.

The report of the Board of General Purposes discloses that Benevolence is well taken care of and that by reason of the Social Security Legislation the demands have not been so great on the

fund. It is recommended in the report that Bibles be presented to candidates on being raised to the M.M. Degree.

The District Grand Master reports that the Masonic labours on the trestle board are being carried out; the Educational Fund is doing excellent work, last year 29 children received its benefit; they have a Masonic Cemetery Plots committee which looks after the graves of the brethren buried in the cemeteries. There is also a Mutual Life Association which pays $1,000.00 to the family of each brother insured in the scheme. Reference is made to the passing of M.W. Bro. His Grace the Duke of Devonshire, Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England.

The District Grand Master cabled to London offering congratulations and salutations to M.W. Bro. the Earl of Scarbrough, Grand Master, and to the Right Honorable the Earl of Derby, Deputy Grand Master, and pledged their loyalty, devotion and support. From the District Grand Master's Address I quote the following, which, in our opinion, could well apply to our own jurisdiction:

"Brethren, Masonry needs more friendship and social fellowship. The Lodges require a steady programme of Masonic Education for its members. Lodge meetings need to be more attractive by short lectures on Masonic subjects, as communications held only for degree work soon lose interest for the side liners who have only to sit and listen. We should, by short talks, illustrated by either movie or still pictures, endeavor to impress on the younger brethren the activities of Masonry throughout the world. A Newfoundland Masonic Conference should be held occasionally and every Lodge should possess a small Masonic library available to its members to assist in their Masonic Education."

Provision was made for the District Grand Master to attend the Installation of the Grand Master, the Earl of Scarbrough, to be held in London, England, in November.

W.I.

NEW HAMPSHIRE — 1951

The One Hundred and Sixty-second Annual Communication of the M.W. Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons in the State of New Hampshire was held at Freemasons Hall, in the City of Manchester, on Wednesday, May 16, 1951, presided over by M.W. Bro. Reginald E. Goldsmith, Grand Master.

Distinguished guests included the heads of four other Masonic bodies. Seven Grand Lodges were represented.

The Grand Master's Address covered very thoroughly the activities during the year. A very busy year was revealed.

Seventy-nine lodges were represented out of a total of eighty-one. The membership for 1951 was 15,892. A total of 625 members was admitted to the order during the year, which is a net gain of 342. They also mourn the loss of 320 members by death.

A general summation of the activities of this Grand Jurisdiction reveals a sound condition of all lodges, plus an eager desire to promote the Good of the Order through the teachings and ideals which permeate all ritual exemplifications. Attendance at meetings has generally been good, and well above the average.

Alberta was very favorably reviewed in their proceedings.

Grand Master -- Harold Cleveland McAllister.

Grand Secretary — John Melvin Dresser.

H.G.W.

NEW JERSEY — 1951

Grand Master — M.W. Bro. Franklin E. Pellegrin.

Grand Master (elected) — M.W. Bro. Lewis M. Parker.

Grand Secretary — R.W. Bro. Isaac Cherry, Trenton, N.J.

Lodges, 283; Membership, 95,010. Gain, 2,635.

Grand Representative for Alberta in New Jersey — R.W. Bro. John R. Wiltsie.

Grand Representative for New Jersey in Alberta — R.W. Bro. M. J. Macleod.

The One Hundred and Sixty-fourth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey was held in the City of Atlantic City on the 18th and 19th April, 1951, with the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Franklin E. Pellegrin, presiding. Alberta's Grand Representative was present.

A large number of guests and distinguished brethren were greeted by the M.W. Grand Master.

Two hundred and seventy-eight Lodges were represented and only 5 Lodges not represented, truly a remarkable record of attendance. Four Emergent Communications of Grand Lodge were held during the year, one for laying the cornerstone of a new Masonic Temple, one to lay the cornerstone of a new Infirmary at the Masonic Home, one to constitute a new Lodge and one to attend the funeral of a Past Grand Master.

The M.W. Grand Master reported a most happy year and one which he hoped was most successful. He presented a large number of Fifty-Year Gold Tokens, some of the recipients assuring the Grand Master they would continue their membership until they were eligible to receive the Seventy-five Year Diamond Token. Alberta sincerely hopes the wishes of these old and respected members will be fulfilled.

The number of visitations made by the M.W. Grand Master, both in his own Grand Jurisdictions and in other Grand Jurisdictions was, to say the least, enormous.

A Masonic Bureau is operated which is proving beneficial both to employers and employees. Four issues per year of the "Masonic Information" is issued and distributed to the brethren and is proving to be of great value to them.

Several requests for Dispensations to act on cases of petitioners who had physical defects, the Grand Master was pleased to grant most of these dispensations.

Our brethren in New Jersey are justly proud of their Masonic Home that is located in Burlington. Every initiate contributes $15.00 at the time of initiation to this Home and a special annual assessment of Fifty cents is made on every member. The per capita cost per guest appears to be $1,666.54 per annum.

The Proceedings contain a Fraternal Review but unfortunately Alberta is not one of the favoured ones. The Grand Master concludes a splendid business-like address as follows:

"A rich part of the wages of a Master Mason is the opportunity to make new friends. Certainly then, we have been richly rewarded many times over for our services. May I close with this thought about friends:

> "Life is sweet because of the friends we have made
> And the things that in common we share.
> We want to live on, not because of ourselves
> But because of the people who care.
> It is giving and doing for somebody else,
> Upon that life's splendor depends;
> And the joy of the world when we sum it all up
> I find in the making of friends."

S.H

NEW MEXICO — 1951

The Seventy-four Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of New Mexico was held at Raton on Monday, March 19th, 1951. M.W. Bro. Charles A. Stevens, Grand Master presiding.

Two special communications were held during the year for the purpose of solemnly consecrating and dedicating new Masonic Temples and one for the purpose of laying a corner stone for a new Temple.

Among the distinguished guests were the Grand Master of Wisconsin, Grand Master of Oklahoma, Grand Master of Colorado, Grand Master of New Jersey, Grand Master of South Carolina and Grand Master of Texas.

The Grand Master reported in his address that lodges continue to be busy, interest in the Ritual is increasing and a general feeling of prosperity is present. Final tabulation by the Grand Secretary will record a continued increase in membership, not so large as to be unhealthy, but still appreciable. Numbers alone, however, do not

indicate strength or determination of high purpose. The present membership stands at 11,188. There were 674 initiations, 670 passed and 660 raised during the year. The number of Chartered Lodges is 58.

It is of interest to note that this Grand Jurisdiction contributed to the Manitoba Flood Relief Fund, on an appeal from Grand Master Harry Coddington of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, for the relief of Masons and their families due to the heavy floods in his province. The Grand Master states, "We in New Mexico, were pleased to have been given the opportunity to add our comparatively small contribution to the grand total for this purpose.

Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Turner Hensley, Jr.
Grand Secretary, Chandler C. Thomas.

H. G. W.

NEW YORK — 1951

Grand Master, M.W. Brother Richard A. Rowlands.

Grand Master (elected) M.W. Bro. Richard A. Rowlands, re-elected.

Grand Secretary, R.W. Bro. George R. Irving, New York City.

Lodges, 1,040; Members, 295,732; Gain, 3.904.

Grand Representative in New York for Alberta, W. Bro. A. Danziger.

Grand Representative in Alberta for New York, R.W. Bro. Wm. Rea.

The One Hundred and Seventieth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of New York was held in the City of New York on May 1st, 2nd and 3rd, 1951 with the Grand Master, M.W. Brother Richard A. Rowlands presiding.

As was to be expected, a very large number of distinguished brethren were present from Sister Grand Jurisdictions. These were welcomed in a friendly manner by the M.W. Grand Master. I would like to quote from the remarks of Ill. Bro. James H. Brice who replied to the Grand Master on behalf of the visitors: "You must know that there is a phrase in the Holy writ that says, "Blessed is the nation whose God is of the Lord and the people He has chosen for His own inheritance." Brethren, this is a challenge to us all; and in closing my remarks I want to leave this thought with you. In these troubled times with its varied hues and divided aims and in the situation we are confronted with now, each of us has got to rise up and renew his Covenant with his Creator and see to it that all alien and foreign ideologies do not invade the land of the free and the home of the brave; and it will be that if we do our work and do it under the leadership of the great Creator."

In addition to the 1,040 Lodges in the State of New York, the

Grand Lodge has one Research Lodge, two Lodges U.D. and nine Lodges in the district of Syria-Lebanon. The Grand Lodge of New York suffered the loss by death of one Past Grand Master and several other prominent and distinguished members, the Grand Master remarked: "We mourn their loss; we cherish their memory; and we know that hereafter their Masonic lives will never be forgotten." Brethren of the State of New York, your brethren in Alberta mourns with you.

The visitations made by the Grand Master were many, over 150 in his own Grand Jurisdiction and a great many to other Grand Jurisdictions, truly a very active year. The Committee on Masonic Benevolence were very active during the year. The Family Magazine furnished without charge to all of the members cost Grand Lodge approximately $60,000.00 per year or about 20% of the total operating expenses of Grand Lodge. 655 brethren were awarded with the Grand Lodge Fifty Year Service Medal, in addition, Grand Lodge awarded five Seventy Year Service Palms and One Hundred and six Sixty Year Service Palms. The Proceedings of Grand Lodge indicates that Grand Lodge is "large business" its several funds totalling large amounts of money, all of the activities of Grand Lodge are in capable hands and it is heartening to see that so many learned, capable and busy brethren are willing to devote time to Freemasonry.

The Grand Master concludes a splendid address as follows:

"The greatest danger to a free people is not from without but from within. This is illustrated now by the most serious of the divisions amongst us. There are those among us whose minds and hearts are poisoned by "the Satan of all times", who would destroy us and the freedom we hold so dear. Although not numerous, they are widely dispersed, and by no means confined to the underprivileged and less intelligent. Surprising as it may seem, they are found among people of reputation, who have been held in respect as living examples of honor and integrity. It seems that all too many of our people are gradually being reduced to a state of weakness and dependence, lacking in moral courage, and no longer prepared to stand up and fight for those unchangeable spiritual laws, that men in all ages have agreed are the true word of God.

Call Communism the enemy of man, or what you may, but remember that it is also the enemy of Freemasonry. Any philosophy that would deny the Great Architect of the Universe and enslave mankind will first destroy the Craft. Masonry has ever defended the weak, the downtrodden and the persecuted. It will never yield or retreat from its belief in the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. That is our tradition, our strength, and the challenge of our day. We must face it with strength and courage during the course of this Communication, and in our daily lives."

S.H.

NORTH DAKOTA — 1951

Sixty-second Annual Convocation, Fargo North Dakota, June 18-20.

Membership, 14,020; Lodges 119; Net gain, 348.

M.W. Bro. Harold L. Walster Grand Master.

Reception of Distinguished guests showed M.W. Bro. George Ellis, P.G.M., Alberta as "among those present". All were graciously received and accorded Grand Honors. M.W. Bro. Ellis extended the fraternal greetings of the Grand Lodge of Alberta and spoke of his appreciation of the hospitality of the North Dakota Masons. He spoke very forcibly and interestingly on the apparent decadence of our modern civilization. "Let us be thankful," he said, "that we are Master Masons and that no one can take this away from us. Only the principles of Brotherhood can right the wrongs of the World and the spreading of this belief is the obligation of every Mason."

The Grand Master gave in his address a complete report of his various activities during his term of office, closing with an appeal "to uphold the tenets of our profession in our every day search for light." He reviewed the growth of the Grand Lodge in ten-year periods beginning 60 years ago with 34 Lodges ending now with 119 and a membership of over 14,000. He attended 16 out of the 25 District meetings. A total of 68 dispensations were issued during the year. He rules as illegal the reception of a candidates petition at a meeting at which neither the Worshipful Master nor the Wardens were present, holding the Lodge as being illegally constituted. "Freemasonry," he said, in concluding his address, "cannot remain aloof from the environment which cradles it. It must grow with the environment and help mould that environment".

The financial condition of the Lodge was sound.

635 members were raised during the year, 140 affiliated and 75 reinstated. The net gain was 348. There were 227 deaths in the jurisdiction.

The Lodge issues quarterly a Grand Lodge Bulletin, the informative worth of which has attracted wide attention.

The Committee on General Purposes pressed the need of additional Lodges in the larger centres and announced the publication of a new ritual.

Attention is called to the necessity of subordinate Lodges increasing their dues and of maintaining relief funds.

Speaking of his visitations the Grand Master made this cogent remark.

"The Lodge member who attends Lodge in an elaborately furnished temple in one of our larger cities has little understanding of the fervency and zeal displayed by the officers and members of a small Lodge, and by the members of their household in making possible the continuance of these centres of Masonic light in the small communities of this State."

Two Lodges, Shilot and Bismark have celebrated their Diamond Jubilee, attesting to a long and honorable history.

Foundation was laid for two temples. From a report under "China" there appears to be six Lodges with a membership of 665 an increase of 9 for the year 1950.

Wor. Bro. Glen Hulett was elected Grand Master.

J.W.G.M.

NOVA SCOTIA — 1951

The Eighty-sixth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia was convened at the Hants County Memorial Hall, Windsor, N.S. on Wednesday, June 6th, 1951 with M.W. Bro. Harry M. Standish, Grand Master, presiding.

Grand Lodge having been opened in ample form the following distinguished visitors were received:

M.W. Bro. Rev. Thomas S. Roy, D.D., L.H.D., D.Sc., Grand Master in the Commonwealth of Massachusettes. R.W. Bro. Frank H. Hilton, Grand Secretary, Massachusetts. M.W. Bro. Frank A. Copus, Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario. M.W. Bro. R. H. Rogers, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island. M.W. Bro. L. E. Lemmon, P.D.G.M., Grand Lodge of New Brunswick. V.W. Bro. H. H. Jaynes, Grand Marshall, Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

Grand Lodge then proceeded to Windsor United Baptist Church, where divine service was conducted by the Pastor; the sermon being preached by M.W. Bro. Rev. Thomas S. Roy, Grand Master of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts who, took as his Text "Remove not the ancient Landmarks which our fathers have set." from Proverbs 22.28. I cull the following from the sermon:

"A landmark is a boundary of a country or estate. It is the point at which your property, or your community, or your country ends and your neighbors begins. Acknowledging a landmark was so important in ancient Jewish society, that he was considered accursed who move his neighbors landmark. In Freemasonry a landmark is one of the boundary marks within which it is enclosed. In another sense the landmark is to Freemasonry what the axiom is to geometry or logic. An axiom is a self evident proposition requiring no formal demonstration to prove its truth. It is something that cannot be questioned now or at any future period. So in Freemasonry our axioms, or our landmarks are the unchanged and unchanging fundamentals which make Freemasonry what it is, and without which it would be something different."

He then dealt with the three fundamentals of Monotheism, Immortality and the Volume of the Sacred Law.

A very timely and interesting address was given by M.W. Bro. Frank M. Copus, P.G.M. of the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario. It contained some good old fashioned horse sense, and I would that it could be read by every Freemason in Alberta.

From the address of the Grand Master I cull the following as showing the condition of Freemasonry in Nova Scotia.

"As your Grand Master, I have visited all the districts in the jurisdiction and have been impressed by the enthusiasm so evident in the activities of the Order. All Lodges report growth in numbers and our total membership of 13,117 stands at the highest in our history. This represents an increase of 60.5% in the last ten years. I have met hundreds of our newly admitted brethren, both old and young, and have found them keen and interested, which is a good augury for the future of Freemasonry in Nova Scotia. However, only a few Lodges are carrying out any form of Masonic educational instruction or explanatory lectures and I recommend strongly that all Lodges should plan to include some time for them in their programmes; these can be of infinite variety and they have proved efficacious in stimulating the attendance and interest of the brethren in the Lodges where they are held."

The Grand Master specially referred to V.W. Bro. William A. Cameron. He is the dean of Past Masters in this jurisdiction being 96 years of age, 55 years a Past Master and 74 years a Mason. It was my high honor to present him with the 70 year bar to his 50 year jewel at the annual meeting of District 7B.

The Grand Master constituted and consecrated four new Lodges and instituted five Lodges. During the session of Grand Lodge the new "Peace Memorial" wing of the Freemasons' Home was officially opened.

From the report of Grand Secretary Reginald V. Harris, we learn that the membership increased by 520; in the past five years twenty new Lodges have been formed; it took 45 years to form the previous twenty Lodges; and a careful survey shows that there is room for another ten or fifteen Lodges within the next few years. At the request of the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Harris flew from Montreal to Goose Bay, Labrador, for the purpose of constituting and consecrating Polaris Lodge; a poll of those present indicated that there were in attendance representatives of 35 Lodges from Scotland to British Columbia and from Florida to California, of whom 11 hailed from Nova Scotian Lodges. This Lodge was placed under the personal supervision of the Grand Master.

The Report of the Board of Jurisprudence, Foreign Relations was prepared by M.W. Bro. Harris, and is complete with full report of the situation existing in the several Grand Lodges seeking recognition, but in no case was this recognition granted.

After correspondence extending over three years relative to a change in the definition of the Grand Architect of the Universe adopted by the Grand Lodge of Uruguay whereby athiests could become Masons, the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia not having received a satisfactory answer, the Board recommended that recognition be withdrawn from this Grand Lodge.

I also cull the following from this report:

"England, Scotland and Ireland. As a result of conferences held

by the Grand Lodges of England, Scotland and Ireland, all three have adopted an amended form of Declaration of Principles agreed upon, October 8th, 1948. The amendment made to the former declaration is to the effect that in future these Grand Lodges will not enter into fraternal relations with other Grand Lodges which recognizes Grand Lodges not recognized by these three Grand Lodges and that when a vacancy occurs in the representation of a foreign Grand Lodge these British Grand Lodges will not renew the representation if the foreign Grand Lodge recognizes any Grand Lodge not recognized by them."

The fraternal correspondence is prepared by Rt. W. Bro. A. G. Baillie, P.S.G.W. which partakes of a Topical review, unfortunately Alberta was not received in time for no mention is made of this Grand Lodge in the report.

W.I.

OHIO — 1951

Membership, 260,436; Lodges, 644; Net gain, 5348.

The 142nd Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge convened at Columbus, Ohio, Oct. 18, 1951.

Bro. James J. Hardbage, Grand Master presided.

The distinguished visitors were presented and received with Grand Honors.

630 Lodges of the 641 were represented; 560 by the Worshipful Master, 36 by the Senior Warden, 9 by the Junior and 31 by proxy. Total attendance registered, 1,197.

Greetings on behalf of the 14th Masonic District were extended by W. Bro. Wm. Eddy, President of the Masonic Districts Officers Association.

The guests and representatives were given a welcome by Bro. James Thodes, Mayor of Columbus and responded to by the Grand orator, Bro. Ed. W. Kuns. M.W. Bro. Thomas Donaldson a member of Yondota, 94 years old and 71 years a Mason was presented to the Grand Master who congratulated the aged Mason and presented him with a seventy-year medal. Recognition was extended to the Grand Lodge of Greece and the Grand Lodge of Austria.

The Grand Master issued 158 dispensations covering a variety of requests. One of these requests came from Lodge for a meeting in the open on Jackson Hill near Marietta, Ohio. The members first met in the Lodge room and were identified and subsequently conveyed by buses to the place selected. The open lodge was well guarded and admitted only members who had been proven at the Lodge.

The Grand Lodge will take an active part in the Ohio sesquicentennial of the admission of the State as the seventeenth State of the Union.

Two new Lodges were approved.

M.W. Bro. Henry Ake and M. Wor. Bro. Meyer each received a fifty-year jewel.

The Grand Master made 182 visits by car, rail, air, bus, street car and even by horse and buggy (down to the good old days).

Two problems surfaced in connection with the Masonic Home — One who did not comply with the rules by not divulging the extent of her wordly possessions and the other by not being in good standing in his Lodge.

Several Lodges were instituted and the new Lodges are well received throughout their respective districts.

A revision of the code and by-laws has been completed and will be up for adoption after constituent Lodges have checked them over. Changes have been made but the fundamental principles remain.

After a study of the reports of his deputies and from personal observation the Grand Master was convinced that Masonry is strong in Ohio and its membership active and virile, steady progress ensured, laws diligently obeyed and the attitude of all our members excellent.

The relations between the York Rite and the Grand Lodge are excellent.

In concluding his address the Grand Master appealed for support to his successor, knowing that the success of any organization is dependent upon the effort of all.

The finances of the Grand Lodge were reported in a healthy condition.

The esteem and high regard in which the Grand Master was held was given tangible evidence in the presentation to him of a television set, a bible, brief case and fountain placed in his honor at the Methodist Church in the community in which he was raised.

Alberta for 1950 reviewed, quoting extensively from the address of M.W. Bro. Howard B. Macdonald on "Freemasonry's place in the world and its appeal to the youth of today."

Bro. William M. Judd was elected Grand Master for 1951-52.

J.W.G.M.

OKLAHOMA — 1951

The Forty-third Annual Comunication, Guthrie, Okla., Feb. 13-14-15.

Membership, 75,908; Lodges, 384; Net gain, 2,579.

M.W. Bro. Harold P. Cook, Grand Master.

17 Past Grand Masters were in attendance. Allegiance was pledged to the flag of the country.

M.W. G. R. M. Montgomery, the Past Grand Master of the State of Texas was formally introduced and accorded Grand Honors.

The Grand Representative for Alberta was not present.

The Grand Master in his address said there was no greater privilege granted to man then the one of assembly for the prosecution of a beloved cause with companions and friends whom we have learned to love. Our strength to run life's course lies in the philosophy of the Masonic Institution.

The purposes of the Grand Lodge are to control and regulate the practise of Freemasonry throughout its jurisdiction in accordance with the immemorial usages of this ancient and honorable craft; to circulate friendship and generally promote the happiness of man.

Freemasonry has for centuries commanded the respect and the affection of the good people in all walks of life — the greatest and best men in all ages have been promoters and encouragers of the art.

The question of education and assimilation is receiving the careful attention of the best minds and able leaders among the Craft everywhere.

A new Lodge was constituted at Ames, Oklahoma.

The Grand Master attended the annual conference of Grand Masters at Washington.

The conference gave a true picture of conditions relating to Masonry throughout the Masonic world.

The Grand Lodge sponsors a home for aged Masons as well as a home for children.

Three Masonic Temples or Lodge Rooms were dedicated during the year. Fifty-year buttons were presented to 46 members who have passed the half century in Masonry.

The Lodge owns property aggregating over one million in value.

The Oklahoma Mason, a publication of the Grand Lodge, goes into more than 7,000 homes and has established a high standard of Masonic leadership among publications of this kind.

Alberta not reviewed.

Brother Lyle H. Ball was elected Grand Master for 1951-52.

J.W.G.M.

ONTARIO

The Ninety-sixth Annual Communication of the M.W. the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, was held in the City of Toronto on July 18th, 1951, with M.W. Brother J. P. Maher, Grand Master, presiding.

A number of distinguished brethren from the Grand Lodges of

Canada and several from the Grand Lodges of the United States were present to do honor to the Grand Master and his brethren, among whom was our own Grand Master, M.W. Bro. W. F. Empey.

The address of the Grand Master, though principally a record of his stewardship, discloses some thoughtful observations on world conditions and its relation to Craft Masonry; may I quote the following:

"Truly, as I have said many times, we are the windows through which the world looks at Masonry and, remember, this is the only way that the rest of the world can judge just what Masonry really is. When I say this, I mean that every member of our fraternity is a window of Masonry. Whether he be the oldest or youngest member, whether he be an officer of the Lodge or the Worshipful Master or a member of Grand Lodge or the Grand Master, we are all windows through which the world looks and judges Masonry. Let us see to it, let us make sure that we keep these windows bright and shining and make them a living memorial so that those who come after will be inspired to carry on the torch of Freemasonry and the world cannot help feeling the goodness of that influence."

The Grand Master authorized donations of $500.00 to the Boy Scouts' Association, Ontario Branch, and the Canadian Red Cross, Ontario Division, of $2,000.00. The finance committee recommended the endorsement of the two special donations but had this to say: "It is, however, suggested that this Grand Lodge reaffirm the policy that any special donations for such or similar purposes should be confined to undertakings which are of a national or at least a province-wide character or application."

The Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario donated $5,000.00 to the Manitoba Relief Fund, but at the behest of the Grand Master the several Lodges throughout the Province contributed $17,722.90 to this fund.

It is also reported that the total amount collected for the "Food Parcels for Britain Fund" amounted to $247,540.97, all of which has now been distributed. Truly a worthy contribution by the Masons of Ontario.

The Grand Master constituted and consecrated three Lodges and granted dispensations and instituted three new Lodges, which shows that Freemasonry in the Province of Ontario is in a flourishing state.

The report of the Grand Secretary shows an increase in membership of 3,350, with a total of 580 Lodges. Thirty-four members were recipients of the new pin denoting sixty years' continuous membership in Freemasonry, and is an appendage to the 50-year Veterans Jubilee Medal.

The Report of the Committee on Benevolence shows that they made total grants of $90,711.00, which is over and above that contributed by the constituent Lodges. The brethren of Alberta will be interested to read: "The year just closed has been a busy one for our supervisor, M.W. Bro. R. B. Dargavel. Despite a short period

early last winter when he suffered a slight physical setback, he has continued to work unceasingly in the interests of widows, dependents and brethren of this Grand Lodge. Down through the years many a heavy heart has been made lighter, many young folks have seen a new dawn of great opportunities by being enabled to continue on to a higher education, thus becoming a useful and enlightened citizen of Canada. These highlights of our benevolence can be traced to the wisdom, guidance and understanding of our supervisor, M.W. Bro. R. B. Dargavel."

I also quote the following from the report:

"At a recent meeting of your Committee we examined in detail 401 applications of which 81 are new. This is almost identical in number with that of a year ago, but it would appear from a close analysis that grants of yesterday have little relation with the needs of today, in the light of money values; hence our grants have to be increased."

"I mentioned a moment ago that the committee had to raise their sights with regard to benevolent grants due to the increased cost of living. I respectfully suggest to the Worshipful Masters and Chairmen of Benevolent Committees in constituent Lodges that you review your participation in benevolent grants."

From the report on Education I cull the following:

"Your Committee feel that much has been accomplished in the field of Masonic Education in the Masonic year just closed. We realize that in this field of Education just as in any other progress can be likened to the progress of a car along the highway. The highway may have several lanes or it may be narrow, just as our views of Masonic Education may be broad or they may be very narrow. They could be so narrow that progress could be nil. Our car will go far if we keep it in good working order — if we continue to put in the fuel to supply the energy — if we keep it well lubricated to avoid friction that might cause moving parts to burn out. The brethren of the various Lodges are the moving parts of the mythical cars and they are doing good work in many districts. Unfortunately, some of these cars are stalled along the highway with the spark plugs either worn out or burnt out or maybe the plug is just missing. The point that the Committee would like to make is that progress will only be made by those who are ready to work and keep on working. Probably the greatest thing that they can do for their Lodges would be to see that the young members are being trained to take their share when their day comes."

On the Condition of Masonry, we are told that "the Craft was never in healthier condition in Ontario. Many Lodges are purchasing premises of their own, building new temples, renovating old quarters and installing much needed facilities. A great number of Lodges have increased initiation fees and dues as well as schedules of Life memberships fees." . . . "Attention has been drawn in many reports to the initiation of sons and other relatives of prominent members of the Craft and of the success which has attended the utilization of the younger members in degree work and other Lodge business,

thereby sustaining their active interest to the betterment of the fraternal spirit in the Lodge." . . . "The usefulness of the Masters' and Wardens' Association is being recognized throughout the Jurisdiction and consequent benefits from closer personal contacts and better understanding of mutual problems and the means of solving them." . . . "It would appear that this year has marked a considerable increase in both District and local Lodge Divine Services, which have been exceedingly well attended. It should be remembered that these annual occasions provide the brethren with the opportunity of fulfilling their need of worshipping God together, regardless of their denomination affiliations. The overflowing attendance gives public evidence of the fact that Masonry is the 'handmaid of religion' but is not religion in itself. Masonry is fundamentally the search for 'Light' - for 'Truth' to be found in its full perfection in the True and Living God Most High."

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of M.W. Bro. Frank A. Copus, the Chairman, who in his Foreword dwells particularly on the question of recognition of foreign Grand Lodges and the confusion attendant on this matter. He is quite satisfied with what has happened in Canada, for almost without exception Canadian Grand Lodges have adopted the safe policy of wait and see, refusing any new recognitions until the international situation has been cleared. The basic principles as drafted by the United Grand Lodge of England, the Grand Lodges of Ireland and Scotland are set forth in his report with the statement, "It is quite certain that candid answers to such a questionnaire should make it reasonably easy to separate the Masonic wheat from the tares."

The reviews are the work of R.W. Bro. A. E. MacGregor, of Toronto, and we express our thanks for his complete and kindly review of Alberta for 1950.

W.I.

OREGON — 1951

184 Lodges and 1 U.D. 39,405 Members. 1,214 Gain.

Worth Harvey — M.W. Grand Master.

H. D. Proudfoot — Grand Secretary.

The One Hundred First Annual Communication was held at the Masonic Temple, Portland, June 13-14-15. 1951.

Among distinguished guests present were Grand Lodge officers from the Grand Jurisdictions of California, Montana and Washington, and representations from the Scottish Rite, Knights Templar, Royal Arch Masons, Royal and Select Masters and A.A.O.N.M.S. bodies of Oregon.

During the year several occasional Grand Lodge meetings were held for the purpose of laying cornerstones of School and Church buildings, to dedicate the new Temple of Hermiston Lodge and to institute Applegate Lodge U.D. at Elmira.

Dispensations were issued to three Lodges to hold outdoor communications for the conferring of the Master Mason degree; these were Salem Lodge No. 4 in the Eola Hills, Crater Lodge No. 211 at Crater Lake and Burns Lodge No. 97 in Malheur Cave for their traditional cave meeting. Dispensations carried the provision that the communications should be well tyled, that there should be no deviations from the ritual in conferring the degrees, and that there should be the same dignity and decorum as would prevail in the Lodges' own temples. There was a large attendance at each of the meetings.

In addition to the Grand Master's visitations to other jurisdictions' communications during the year, he attended the Conference of Grand Masters in Washington, D.C., and the Tri-State conference held at Seattle in January, 1951.

Oregon Military Lodge U.D. in Frankfort, Germany, was instituted in 1946; on the basis of the minutes and financial reports from this lodge, it is considered to be doing a real service to Freemasonry and it has been recommended by the M.W. Grand Master that the dispensation be continued.

During the year there were 61 Brethren invested with Fifty-Year emblems.

The oration delivered at the Annual Session by Wor. Bro. Ralph T. Moore, who selected for discussion the significance of the letter "G" as being the most critical Masonic need of today, was a comprehensive and very able treatment of so important a topic. Of the many parts worth quoting, the following is given:

"The place of respect for God in everyday life is too intricately interwoven with the fabric of human relations to be specifically identified and defined. Like the function of the electric current, we know that it exists and that it transmits energy with immense potential for human benefit. But we don't know its exact nature nor why it functions as it does. We shall probably never learn the answers to these mysteries nor do we need to know them. It is enough that we have discovered their potentials and have harnessed them to useful purpose."

September 15, 1951, is the date of the Centennial Anniversary, and at the time these Proceedings were published preparations were being made for District Centennial celebrations to be held on a State-wide scale, while the Grand Lodge Session of 1952 has been designated as the Centennial Session and plans for a suitable observance at that time were also in hand.

F.J.K.

GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA

In addition to the Annual Communication of this Grand Body held on 27 Dec. 1951, four quarterly meetings were held, on 7 Mar., 6 June, 5 Sept. and 5 Dec.

Unlike the majority of Grand Lodges, Pennsylvania does not use

the superlative "Most". The Grand Master and officers only are styled "Right Worshipful"; all others, including D.D.'s, being simply Brother.

It was on 25 Sept., 1786, that this Grand Lodge was organized, during which period 81 Grand Masters have served, nine of whom are still living. Besides being one of the senior Grand Lodges in the U.S.A., it is probably one of the largest and wealthiest. It is composed of 568 Lodges divided into 68 districts, and at the date of this meeting 12 lodges were still unnamed, simply numbered.

During its long career this Grand Body has benefitted greatly from many bequests, both large and small. During 1950-51 it received over half a million dollars. From 36 former bequests and their earnings a total of 5½ millions was reached. The General Fund shows almost 11 millions and Trust Funds nearly 14¾ millions.

Requests for recognition were received from eight foreign Grand Lodges, all of which were either deferred for further information or declined outright.

During 1950-51 there were 251 applications for admission to the Masonic Homes which are upheld by this Grand Lodge, 84 of which were approved, the total on the roll at Nov., 1951 being 582.

At this Annual Communication nine foreign Grand Lodges were represented, including M.W. Bro. Nelson C. Hart of Ontario.

In his address, the Grand Master, R.W. Bro. Wm. E. Yeager, urged the abolition of "The Ladder of Promotion" in Lodges and the election of the best man as J.W. irrespective of his standing. Further, he quoted the historian Toynbee that "Great civilizations are not destroyed by external aggression, but by the increase of decadence and corruption within." This seems difficult to reconcile with the sufferings and present condition of Britain, caused mainly by external aggression. A timely suggestion was to start a new lodge when a membership attains 400 or more.

The Grand Master attended a special meeting of Lodge No. 408, Meadville, and caused Ray F. Smock to be made a Mason at sight, and, shortly thereafter, granted dispensation to the same lodge to inter with Masonic ceremonies Ray F. Smock, an unaffiliated M.M. At this communication the Grand Master ordered the discontinuance of granting certificates to retiring W.M.'s.

It may perhaps be fitting to close this notice with a quotation from the report of the Instruction of Ritualistic Work: "To hand down our mysteries unimpaired as we have received them is a most solemn and serious duty. . . . Our Ritual being transmitted orally only, constant instruction, diligent application, and continual care are necessary if our ancient work is to be retained in all its purity."

W.N.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND — 1951

The M.W. the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Prince Edward Island was convened for the seventy-sixth Annual Communication in the Lodge Room at Summerside with M.W. Bro. H. Randolph Carruthers, Grand Master, presiding, on Wednesday, June 27th, 1951.

This is a small Grand Body with fifteen warranted Lodges and a total membership of 1,319, a gain of thirty members during the past year. There is one Lodge under dispensation.

It is pleasing to note that when the Grand Representatives were called Alberta responded, and we thank the Grand Master for the welcome extended to the Grand Representatives.

The address of the Grand Master is somewhat brief, but nevertheless contains many kernels of truth. In commenting on world conditions, he has this to say on Masonry and Communism: "Masonry and Communism cannot live side by side. Our teachings are at complete variance one with the other and it is sad to have to record that where this loathsome pestilence rears its head Masonry ceases to exist, except as an underground agency for good. A recent communication from the Grand Lodge of China contains these awesome words: 'In view, however, of the all too numerous disappearances, without trace, of people formerly prominent in various walks in Chinese life . . .' This quotation serves to emphasize the character of the ideology the free people of the world are today battling on many fronts. Again I say let us be vigilant and zealous in our efforts to maintain a way of life handed down to us by distinguished men and women of yesterday and which we in turn must pass on, unsullied and unimpaired, to the generation which shall follow us."

The Grand Master visited every Lodge in the jurisdiction, and also instituted Corinthian Lodge U.D. He was unable to attend personally the second All Canada Conference at Winnipeg but was represented by M.W. Bro. Kemp, P.G.M. In his recommendations the Grand Master suggests that each Lodge should establish a library of Masonic Works and especially the Grand Lodge Proceedings.

The Ritualistic Work is under the supervision of the Grand Lecturer and in his report complains that Lodges do not furnish him with copies of notices so that he can attend and assist the brethren in their labours. It appears a new ritual was recently adopted, so the Grand Lecturer is anxious that every effort be made to master the new work so that the temple erected thereby shall reflect true Masonry.

A very full and complete report was presented by the Committee on Foreign Correspondence when all applications for recognition were deferred and it was recommended that the recognition extended to Uruguay be withdrawn.

Prince Edward Island does not give reviews of the Proceedings of other Grand Bodies.

W.I.

QUEBEC — 1951

The Eighty-first Annual Communication of the M.W. the Grand Lodge of Quebec was convened in the City of Montreal, on Wednesday the 10th October, 1951, with M.W. Bro. J. W. Buckland, Grand Master, presiding.

The address of the Grand Master is an account of his stewardship and it is quite evident that he has given considerable time and energy to the work of his jurisdiction in attendance at District Meetings and many Lodge functions. The Grand Master pays tribute to M.W. Bro. W. W. Williamson, who passed away on April 4th, 1951, at the ripe old age of 90 years after serving the Grand Lodge as Grand Secretary for a period of 32 years and being a member of the Craft for 67 years. We extend our sympathy to the Grand Lodge of Quebec in the heavy loss thus sustained.

The Grand Master commends the Lodges who have adopted the practice of holding Floor Members Nights, which have been the means of bringing to light latent talent, and he urges upon the Lodges to encourage the newly initiated Brethren to take part in these exercises and continue the search for further light in Masonry.

The Grand Chaplain gave an address entitled "What Do We Believe?".

The Grand Secretary reports a net increase in membership of 187.

I take the following from the report of the D.D.G.M. of Montreal District No. 3:

"An event of unusual interest to the Masonic Order took place on November 13th when a fully equipped Radio Isotope Laboratory was formally presented to the Jewish General Hospital in Montreal by St. George's Lodge No. 10. Immediately following the presentation, the Most Worshipful Grand Master cut the ribbon across the entrance of the laboratory and in a most impressive manner formally declared it open. When it is realized that the members of this Lodge contributed over $17,000.00 for this humanitarian purpose, it can be fully appreciated that this was a truly commendable Masonic effort and one that has reflected great honour on St. George's Lodge No. 10 as well as the Craft. This Lodge's charitable contributions are extensive and they are to be highly complimented for their practical demonstration of the Great Principles on which our Order is founded."

The report of the Committee on the State of Masonry contains the following: "It is more than ever evident that those who seek initiation should be tested, and investigated from the day and land of their birth, through childhood and through all the activities that have brought them into adult life. Nothing should be taken for granted; complete factual research into their character should be verified and attested to the utmost satisfaction and agreement. Every step should be taken to be as certain as possible that each candidate will give a reasonable and healthy promise of a Masonic span of life which some interested actuaries within the craft feel is alarmingly short. In line with this thought of the time element,

your Committee is of the opinion that some method should be devised by which Lodges should be informed as to the names of candidates and of the investigation made in each case — either by questionnaires, personal interviews or appearance before respective permanent committees — before the application and initiation of the candidates."

A charter was granted to North Star Lodge at Baie Comeau, an out-of-the-way place on the North Shore.

Formal recognition was extended to "The National Grand Lodge of Iceland", but it was recommended that applications from Grande Oriente D'italia, Grand Lodge of Panama, and Grand Lodge of China for recognition be held in abeyance.

Report of Fraternal Correspondence is contained in the appendix of the Proceedings, but it is with regret that we note Alberta is not therein reviewed.

W.I.

THE GRAND LODGE OF RHODE ISLAND

The One Hundred and Sixtieth Communication of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations was held in Freemasons Hall, Providence, on Monday, 21st May, 1951. There were Grand Representatives from eleven other Grand Jurisdictions from Maine to Virginia.

This Grand Body was instituted in 1791, during which time 96 Grand Masters have served, 16 of whom are still living.

Immediately following the election of the new Grand Master, Albert Pradervand Ruerat, the regular business of Grand Lodge was the order.

In addition to the customary seven Masonic District Deputies, there are two special D.D.G.M.'s who, presumably, would be at the call of the Grand Master.

It is apparently the custom in this jurisdiction for the D.D.G.M.'s to preside at the elections of their respective lodges and also to install the W.M.'s. Each D.D. is accompanied with his own M.C. and assistant lecturer, the latter being obviously a ritualist.

Amongst the various reports was one from the Masonic Service Board which specializes in the care of war veterans in hospital, irrespective of their associations, but only after careful, individual investigation. Over $19,000 was expended last year on 50 inmates. Contributions come from various sources, Chapters, Scottish Rite, Commanderee, O.E.S., Shrine, etc. All this, of course, in addition to each lodge's own benevolence.

There are 7 districts with 44 lodges in all and a total membership of 17,532 at 30th April, 1951. Two of these lodges are named St. Johns No. 1 One is at Newport asd one at Providence. A charter was granted to Newport 27 Dec. 1749 and to Providence 18 Jan., 1757. Both received their Grand Lodge Charter 26 April, 1793.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence advised that no action be taken until the report of the Grand Masters' conference was received. Ten applications in abeyance.

The M.W. Grand Master was then installed who then closed the Lodge in ample form at 4:30 p.m.

W.N.

THE GRAND LODGE OF S. CAROLINA

The Two Hundredth and Fourteenth Communication of this Grand Body opened in the historic city of Charleston at 11 a.m., 26th April, 1951.

As the Grand Master M.W. Bro. Homer M. Pace was in hospital, where he had been kept three weeks, the D.G.M., R.W. Bro. John I. Smith, took the chair and modestly asked for the brethren's indulgence in any of his shortcomings whilst deputising for the G.M.

Stressed in the Grand Master's address were what he termed 16 basic rights of our people, which I felt should be reproduced, for a reason that may appear later.

Right to worship God in one's own way.

Right to free speech and free press.

Right to assemble.

Right to petition grievances.

Right to privacy in our homes.

Right to habeas corpus — no excessive bail.

Right to trial jury — innocent until proved guilty.

Right to move about freely at home and abroad.

Right to own property.

Right to work in callings and localities of our choice.

Right to bargain with our employees.

Right to go into business, compete, make a profit.

Right to bargain for goods and services in a free market.

Right to contract about our affairs.

Right to service of Government as a protector and referee.

Right to freedom from "arbitrary" government regulations and control.

In the report of the committee on distribution of the work, over the signature of M.W. Bro. C. K. Chreitzberg, chairman, appears the following reference to those "Rights." "Every citizen, and certainly every Freemason should stamp them indelibly upon his memory. No other country in the world grants them to its citizens. A few of them may be recognized in one or two of the governments of the world, but nowhere, outside this great country of ours, are we free to go

and come practically at will and pleasure. A man's home is his castle and no one, not even the President himself, may enter it uninvited without a judicial warrant." Would it be thought presumptuous to ask our good brother the origin of "A man's home is his castle."

Amongst the Grand Master's visitations it was noticed that four were to centennials and two to seventy-fifth anniversaries.

The committee on fraternal relations recommended recognition of five applications — China, Nationcle Franaise, Estado do Para, Brazil, El Potosi, Mexico, and G. L. of Argentina.

Though belated we sympathise with our brethren in the loss of their Grand Lodge Secretary, M.W. Bro. Oliver Franklin Hart, in November, 1950, after forty years service. He was succeeded by M.W. Bro. Henry F. Collins, whose appointment by the Grand Master was confirmed by his election at this Grand Lodge Communication.

At this date the Grand Lodge's Building Fund stood at $224,116.32. The Building Fund committee depreciated any action on account of high costs and their hopes of first attaining sufficient funds.

The Grand Master was allowed a few hours leave from hospital and received a rousing reception upon entering Grand Lodge.

Although pre-warned Cross Key Lodge No. 137 lost its charter for being unrepresented at a Grand Lodge Communication for three years.

The Grand Master and officers were all re-elected for the ensuing year.

No. of Lodges at this date was 287, with a total membership of 43,530. A gain of 1,949 for the year.

Lodge closed in ample form on the second day at 1:15 p.m.

W.N.

SASKATCHEWAN — 1951

M.W. Bro. F. Hedley Auld, Grand Master of Saskatchewan declared his Grand Lodge duly opened in Ample Form on Wednesday the 20th day of June, 1951, and extended a welcome to his brethren on the occasion of their Forty-fifth Annual Communication.

The Grand Master of Manitoba, M.W. Bro. Fred H. Blythe, accompanied by his Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. H. Coddington, P.G.M. and R.W. Bro. H. E. Howard, Deputy Grand Master of Alberta, were cordially received by the Grand Master and accorded Grand Honors.

The Address of the Grand Master discloses a year of heavy work and much Lodge visitation. He extends congratulations to M.W. Bro. Douglas Fraser on his election as Grand Commander of the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite in Canada. He states that the District Meetings definitely deserve to be termed

successful; the Grand Secretary, at the request of the Grand Master, gave a talk on the work in his office and the services of the office to the constituent Lodges. The Grand Master spoke on "The Functions of Grand Lodge", outlining the constitutional provisions of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan; its control over the chartering of new Lodges and how their interests are protected; specially emphasizing the role of the District Deputies and the necessity of selecting a brother best able to serve the interests of the Craft.

Mention is made of the attendances at the Banff Conference and the address of R.W. Bro. Robt. A. Tate, Grand Secretary on the "Responsibilities and Duties of a Worshipful Master" which the Grand Master had printed and distributed to the Lodges under his jurisdiction. At the conference of the Grand Masters of North America M.W. Bro. F. Hedley Auld, G.M. was invited to give a paper on Freemasonry and Youth. The second conference of Canadian Grand Lodges held at Winnipeg is also referred to at which M.W. Bro. Auld repeated his address on "Freemasonry and Youth".

Those who count R.W. Bro. R. A. Tate among their friends know full well how seriously and efficiently he runs the office of Grand Secretary in Regina and naturally expect a full and complete report of the operation of his office, and this is just what he presented his Grand Lodge at the Forty-fifth Annual Communication. We are pleased to note that an assistant has been found for Brother Tate as from his report it is quite evident that his labours of the past year are too great and much more than should be expected from any one man by Grand Lodge. In addition to attending the One Hundredth Anniversary of the M.W. Grand Lodge of the State of California, and the Canadian and Western Canadian Conferences he made many visits and addressed the brethren in various subjects in addition to attending 10 Lodges on the subject of Freemasonry and Youth. The Grand Secretary reports a net gain in membership of 309 with a total number of 202 Lodges.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of M.W. Bro. W. M. Martin and sets forth the qualifications of the several Grand Lodges who have made application for recognition, but in as much as the British Grand Lodges have not extended recognition to these applicants the report of the Committee recommended that no action be taken at this time.

In the reception of Grand Representatives, M.W. Bro. Martin, representing the United Grand Lodge of England extended felicitations to the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, and spoke of the loss of two Grand Masters, The Earl of Harewood and the Duke of Devonshire who passed away last year. He spoke of conditions in Europe and throughout the world, and stated that there is a determined effort to preserve the Landmarks of Freemasonry.

The report of the Committee on Necrology is rather lengthy, showing the loss of some 183 members, many of whom were at sometime officers in Grand Lodge and had served Grand Lodge and Freemasonry well.

Freemasonry and Youth is still a very active force in Saskatchewan and the report of the activities of this Committee demonstrates that very effective work is being done among the youth.

Masonic Education is linked very closely with the "Tracing Board" the monthly bulletin sent out by Grand Lodge. Reading the "Tracing Board" month after month your reviewer has nothing but commendation for the Editor of this paper for the complete and concise manner in which the material is presented each month; it is very readable and must be of immense value to the Masters of the Lodge who follow the programmes suggested.

The report on the Condition of Masonry was prepared by R.W. Bro. R. R. McEwen, and he is to be congratulated on such an excellent and complete report, giving complete detail on all phases of the work in Lodges and supplementing the report with the recommendations as culled from the reports of the D.D. G.M.'s.

We thank M.W. Bro. Martin for his sympathetic and complete review of Alberta for the year 1950.

W.I.

SOUTH DAKOTA

The Seventy-seventh Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of South Dakota, Ancient Free and Accepted was held at the Masonic Temple in the city of Pierre, on June 12th, 1950. The Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Neil C. Dewhirst presiding.

Alberta's Representative W. Bro. Rolland O. Coates was present.

An interesting ceremony was the presentation of the American and Canadian Flags by an escort of soldiers from the Rapid City Air Base, consisting of seven Master Masons. After which the Brethren sang one verse of "America" and one of "God Save the King."

The Grand Master, in his address, stated that in conjunction with the Deputy Grand Master, the Senior Grand Warden and the Grand Junior Warden, a four-fold program was evolved. The subjects dealt with were: (1) Grand Lodge Problems. (2) Masonry and the Public Schools. (3) Masonic Education. (4) Masonry and the State.

A petition was read from 22 Master Masons asking for a dispensation to form a Lodge for the Rapid City Air Force. No action was taken on this petition, it being stated that the petitioners did not want any action taken before July 19th, 1951.

The Board of General Activities report stated that there was no program of Masonic Education in South Dakota, and therefore made the following recommendations towards starting an educational program in the Lodges.

(1) The first regular meeting after installation to be devoted to reading and discussing the instructions in the monitor.

(2) At least two meetings a year be devoted to reading and discussing portions of the Grand Lodge constitution and by-laws.

(3) That each Lodge have some special observance of Saint John's Day in June and December.

(4) That each Lodge have one or more special events each year on which non-member guests may be invited.

(5) That one meeting each year be devoted to the elderly brothers, who cannot attend Lodge regularly, special arrangements being made for their transportation to and from the meetings.

(6) That each newly installed Master, as soon after installation as possible, meet with all the officers of his Lodge and adopt an educational program for the year.

(7) That some brother be specifically assigned to each candidate as a monitor to instruct him in the lectures, lodge procedure and proper conduct therein.

We are pleased to note that this report was adopted. We are of opinion that Lodges that have a definite Masonic Educational program have a better average attendance than those that have no such program, and that instruction in Masonic history, symbolism, jurisprudence, tenets and principles of Free Masonry is what the newly made Mason expects and needs.

The report of the Foreign Correspondent consisted of two parts. The first part dealing with requests for recognition of Grand Lodges in Austria, Brazil, China, France, Greece and Israel, and the recommendations of the Correspondent regarding these requests. The second part consisted of short reviews of the Proceedings of those Grand Lodges that had given some attention to South Dakota. We note that Alberta did not find a place in this report.

Recognition was given to the Grand Lodge, Rio Grande Do Sul, Brazil, and the Symbolic Grand Lodge, Minas Geraes, Brazil.

The District Masters of South Dakota in their report had a kindly word for that sometimes overworked brother, the Lodge Secretary. Their report says in part:

"While we all realize the burdensome work of all Blue Lodge Secretaries and their numerous duties involved we also realize that the strength to a great extent, of all the Blue Lodges lies in the helpful assistance of a secretary.

We recommend as follows: That the Grand Lodge of South Dakota provide the financial means and other necessary arrangements so that all secretaries of the constituent Lodges may attend all Grand Lodge Annual Sessions and to meet with the District Masters at such Sessions.

We extend our sincerest sympathy to our Brethren of South Dakota in their loss, by death, of Past Grand Master M.W. Bro. Therle E. Burrington, and Past Grand Chaplain R.W. Bro. William Stanley Harper.

The Memorial sermon given by the Grand Chaplain, Rev. Frank W. Cannon, was deeply appreciated by your Reviewer. We quote the following paragraph, and regret we have not space for more:

"With faith in God and with a confident belief in immortality we, as Masons, are enabled to face the facts of life and death with fearlessness and with radiant hope. The God who through the ages has cared for the hosts of men and women and little children as they journeyed into the unseen world, hovers o'er us here this afternoon. Let us "be still before Him and know that he is God". Life and death, and life that is to be are in his hands. In the circle of sorrow where heaven and earth, time and eternity seem to meet, we realize how futile are all human words and thoughts. And yet, having been often in its presence, one grows less and less afraid of death; more and more sure of life."

No. of Chartered Lodges, 168; Membership, 18,942; Gain, 478.

Grand Master, 1951-52, M.W. Bro. Gearge W. Toft.

Grand Secretary, R.W. Bro. Elvin F. Strain.

W. A. B.

TENNESSEE — 1951

Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Elbert Carlton Coleman.

Grand Master (elected), M.W. Bro. Wallace Phelan Douglas.

Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. T. E. Doss, Nashville.

Lodges, 375; Members, 68,296; Gain, 3,421.

Grand Representative of Alberta in Tennessee, W. Bro. Luther E. Davis.

Grand Representative of Tennessee in Alberta, R.W. Bro. Dr. M. A. McIntyre.

The One Hundrdth and Thirty-seventh Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee was held in the City of Nashville on January 31st and February 1st, 1951, the Grand Master, M.W. Brother Elbert Carlton Coleman presiding.

One Lodge was Instituted during the year. 331 Lodges were represented and 45 Lodges not present at Grand Lodge. Several distinguished visitors were present and officially received. Mention is made and was read in Grand Lodge regarding attendance of Representatives, Information to Newspapers, Illegal and Unmasonic Electioneering. "Freedom" was the key note of the Grand Masters address with the forcible statement "that we, like Nero, are fiddling while Rome is burning." 867 members of the Craft passed to the Great Beyond including one Past Grand Master. Alberta extends to our Brethren in Tennessee its greatest sympathy. 13.16% of the total membership attended the District Meetings, 50% of the membership of some Lodges being in attendance.

The Grand Lodge apparently officially recognizes the Order of the Eastern Star, the Order of Rainbow for Girls and the Order of De-Molay. A complete report is made of the Conferences held in the City of Washington, D.C. Masonic charity is practised as well as preached. 1,110 certificates of proficiency was presented during the year.

Dedication of two new Lodge Halls and the laying of two corner-stones was made. The M.W. Grand Master particularly stressed the duties of Investigating Committees which in many instances are too lax. The usual large number of dispensations were issued for varied reasons. Alberta is not included in the splendid Review of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence. We hope for better luck next year.

M.W. Bro. Coleman concludes his address as follows: "If peace of any duration is to be realized, it will come through American leadership, which leadership must serve as an instrumentality of God, and Masonry now as in the past can do much to attain this objective. We cannot be idle or indifferent and neither can we stay out of the struggle and remain a free people.

May God in His infinite wisdom instill into the hearts and minds of every individual of this great country of ours a knowledge of the dangers in the days ahead, and may He give us courage, integrity and wisdom that we through Him may halt our headlong flight for the precipice of destruction, before the lamp of liberty is obliterated from the face of the earth."

S.H.

TENNESSEE — 1952

Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Wallace Phelan Douglas.

Grand Master (elected), M.W. Bro. Amxie Hall Kirkpatrick.

Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. T. E. Doss, Nashville.

Lodges, 375; Members, 71,072; Gain, 2,776.

Grand Representative of Alberta in Tennessee, W. Bro. Luther E. Davis.

Grand Representative of Tennessee in Alberta, R.W. Bro. Dr. M. A. McIntyre.

The One Hundred and Thirty-eighth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee was held in the city of Nashville on January 30th and 31st, 1952 with the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Wallace Phelan Douglas presiding.

The Proceedings are nicely gotten up and contain many nice photographs. Tennessee is one of the larger Grand Lodges in the United States of America. Their increase in membership for the year is approximately 17% of our total membership in Alberta. A large number of distinguished brethren were present as visitors from other Grand Jurisdictions. Four Past Grand Masters passed on to the

Great Beyond. Alberta mourns with our Tennessee brethren in the great loss they have sustained.

The Grand Master reported the financial condition of Grand Lodge was never better. Peace and harmony generally prevailed. He stated the two greatest needs to be: Membership to be interested to a greater degree and in larger numbers, and a return to true brotherly love and confidence, (with this we thoroughly agree).

They practice charity in a similar manner as we do in Alberta taking care of their beneficiaries in their homes. Monthly letters were addressed to each Lodge every month with the request they be read at the next stated meeting of the Lodge. Some Lodges felt they were too busy to spare these few minutes but the great majority of the Lodges co-operated. Judging from the comments received, these monthly letters were profitable. Closing the Lodge at a reasonable time was stressed. 29 District Meetings were held, 1,136 certificates of proficiency were presented. The average Lodge dues charged is $4.96 per year and the average fees for the three degrees is $43.89, both amounts being slightly in excess of those charged the previous year.

The usual large number of Dispensations were issued. The M.W. Grand Master paid a very gracious tribute to his Grand Secretary, our old friend M.W. Bro. "Ted" Doss. The Proceedings contain a Fraternal Review similar to our own and Alberta receives ample recognition for the year 1950. Thank you Tennessee.

The Grand Master concludes his splendid address as follows:

"So many people have been kind, gracious and helpful to me that I could not begin to name them here, so I must content myself with a simple expression of thanks and appreciation, accompanied by a pledge to discharge my obligations to them and to the Fraternity to the best of my ability. Brother "Ted" has indeed been a brother, counsellor and friend. I am constantly amazed at his efficiency, and I can never repay him for his assistance, however I feel that he knows how deeply I appreciate and love him. I dare not mention others, because their name is truly "legion", but to them all the Brethren in our great State who have so highly honored me far beyond my desserts, I say:

"May the Lord bless and keep you,
May the Lord make his face to shine upon you,
and give you peace, now and forevermore."

Grand Secretary's all too seldom receive the "bouquets" they are entitled to receive.

S.H.

TEXAS — 1951

One Hundred and Sixteenth Annual Communication, Waco, December 5th.

Grand Master presiding, M.W. Bro. W. J. Burris.

Grand Secretary, R.W. Leo Hart.

Chartered Lodges, 915; Lodges U.D. 2.

Grand Representatives in Alberta, Horace P. Reid, Edmonton, Alberta.

District Deputy Grand Masters, 121.

The immensity of the task confronting the Grand Master in administering the affairs of the Grand Lodge of Texas is borne upon the reviewer immediately he opens the Proceedings. Inside the front cover, the space is completely occupied by the list of Grand Lodge Officers, and the one hundred and twenty-one District Deputy Grand Masters. That all these officers have worked harmoniously as an integrated whole is evidenced as page after page is turned. It is interesting to note that the early history and matters of historical interest have not been overlooked in the prosecution of the Grand Master's objective "Texas Public Schools — Democracy in action," as the opportunity was seized to preserve for posterity (insofar as nature will permit) the "Great Oak" where five Masons met with the result that the Grand Lodge of Texas became a reality. While the Masonic education of the newly initiated and older members is emphasized, education in its other branches is also recognized. This is clearly seen in the financial reports of the Committees responsible for the administration of the Masonic Home and School, and the Graduates Advisory Committee. The results obtained must be most gratifying to all concerned when the report of the Superintendent of the Home and School is scrutinized. The success of the Grand Master's project "Public Schools Week" is undoubtedly assured if the whole-hearted support — as shown by the tabulated statistical data of the support given by the Lodges -- is continued throughout the estimated period of from five to ten years necessary for completion. The statistical and financial reports of the officials of the Grand Lodge indicate that Freemasonry in the Grand Jurisdiction of Texas is in a flourishing condition. In his address, the Grand Orator voiced a truth which applies not only to the Public School system of Texas, but to everything Masonic, when he said, "My Brethren, are we going to let someone else tarnish, cripple, or perhaps destroy this heritage? There are those who would do one or all of these things. We must not let it happen."

R.F.L.

UTAH

The Seventy-ninth Annual Communication, Salt Lake City, January 22nd, 1951.

Grand Master presiding, M.W. Bro. John Stark.

Grand Secretary, R.W. Emery R. Gibson, P.G.M.

Lodges, 28; Members, 5,963; Net gain, 156.

Grand Representative in Alberta, Oliver C. Smith, Calgary.

Befitting the life work of the M.W. Grand Master, that of a well and widely known teacher, his address to the Brethren assembled in

Grand Lodge Communication is a most scholarly one. The emphasis throughout is on that most important subject "Masonic Education". This Grand Jurisdiction has a very active Committee on Masonic Education, and the importance placed on this subject is reflected in the inclusion, in the Annual Grand Lodge Budget, of a not inconsiderable sum for this specific purpose. It is noted that in common with other Grand Jurisdictions both in America and Canada, the same careful and searching consideration is given to applications for Fraternal Recognition by Grand Lodges over the world. This consideration has resulted in the recognition of some, refusal to recognize others, and the decision to await further information in other instances. As in the past, the question of whether any "Lodge shall receive the petition of any applicant who is at the time the proprietor of, or a vendor in an establishment the principal business of which is the sale of malt or spiritous liquors as a beverage" continues to be a matter of great concern to the Brethren. Owing to the ever increasing cost of operating Masonic Lodges, a situation not confined to this activity, several Lodges are necessarily giving attention to the evident necessity of raising dues. The Financial Reports submitted to the Grand Lodge by its proper officers indicates that the Lodges themselves, and the several varied activities of the Grand Lodge are all in a flourishing condition. If a personal note is permissable, this writer would like to state that this opportunity of briefly reviewing these Proceedings has brought back the most pleasant memories of an evening spent in the Masonic Temple, Salt Lake City, in September, 1950, when the then Grand Master paid his official visit to the six Salt Lake City Lodges. The courtesy and fraternal friendliness extended to a visitor from "the far North" left nothing to be desired.

R.F.L.

VERMONT — 1951

The One Hundred and Fifty-eighth Annual Communication, Burlington, June 13th.

Grand Master presiding, M.W. Bro. Harold E. Brand.

Grand Secretary, R.W. Aaron H. Grout.

Lodges, 109; Total Membership, 18,699; Gain 207.

Grand Representative in Alberta, John Booth, Edmonton.

The age of this Grand Lodge is amply reflected in the number of 50 year service buttons issued, 62 in number; and further by the record of long service by Lodge Secretaries ranging from 6 with 10 years of service up to 1 with 35 consecutive years; the latter is a marvellous record for any man to have in any occupation, and speaks well for the service rendered to the Brethren of his Lodge. The same great care is evidenced in scrutinizing applications for Masonic recognition received from across the world by newly organized, or revitalized Grand Lodges, as is shown in other Grand Jurisdictions. The Committee on Foreign Correspondence is to be congratulated on its efforts to "guard the portals" of Freemasonry in this respect. The reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters clearly indicate the interest displayed by both the Brethren and the officers of the Lodges

in both Ritualistic and Educational activities. The proposals for Revision of the Masonic Code which were considered by the Grand Lodge show that questions involved are not only important, but received the most careful consideration, and the decisions arrived at appear to be in the best interest of all concerned. Quoting from the Report of the Committee on the Grand Master's Address, a most sincere compliment is expressed in two sentences: "It is the ability to approach the heart of the matter rather than to explore the extremities which gives us the renewed conviction of the wisdom which he possesses. He has felt deeply, but spoken briefly." The statistical reports contained in the Proceedings clearly indicates the satisfactory financial standing of all branches of all the undertakings of the Grand Lodge and also of the constituent Lodges.

R.F.L.

VIRGINIA

The One Hundred and Seventy-third Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the Commonwealth of Virginia, was held in the Masonic Temple, in the city of Richmond, on Tuesday, February 13th, 1951.

The report of the Grand Master Enoch D. Flowers covers a long list of visitations, one of which I note was the Grand Lodge of Canada for the Province of Ontario on July 18th and 19th.

There is a very lengthy report of the Emergent Communication of February 22nd, 1950 for the purpose to participate in the ceremonies incident to the unveiling, in the Memorial Hall of the George Washington National Memorial, of a bronze statue of Worshipful Brother George Washington, the sculptor being Bro. Bryant Baker. The presentation address was given by the President of the United States, M.W. Bro. Harry S. Truman, who closed his address with the following: "The progress we have made in this country since the days of George Washington is proof of the vitality and truth of the ideals he fought for. We must be no less firm, no less resolute, no less steadfast than he was. We move upon a greater stage than he did, but our problems are fundamentally the same problems that faced the first President of this nation — to make democracy work and defend it from its enemies.

George Washington sought guidance from Almighty God as he faced these tasks in his time; let us be guided today by Divine Providence as we strive for lasting peace with freedom and justice for all mankind.

Now, my brethren, it is my privilege to present this magnificent statue to this great Masonic Memorial on behalf of the Order of DeMolay."

A Special Commission was appointed to arrange for exercises appropriate to the 200th Anniversary of the initiation of George Washington, to be held on November 4th, 1952.

The Grand Master concluded his report with the following: "I have no advice that would help to cure the ills that confront the

world today. It seems to me that we are already suffering from over-advice and criticism and too little action to correct existing conditions.

We can best serve Almighty God, our Country and the Masonic Fraternity by being true and faithful to the duties we owe to each.

M.W. Bro.Rudolph R. Cooke was elected and installed as Grand Master for 1951-52. In concluding his inaugural message, he stated, I have great confidence in the Freemasons of the world, and of course of our own beloved Commonwealth. We have and will make our mistakes in admissions and indoctrination; we have and will, perhaps at times be retarded in our performances, but as in ages past, when the need is greatest our strength is greatest and we will not fail in the cause of decency, equity and democracy.

R.W. Bro. George S. Hull the Grand Junior Warden of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut brought greetings from his Grand Lodge I would just like to pass along his closing remarks. "The voice of America is something a whole lot more than a radio broadcast. It's the example which speaks louder than words. The example that fellows just like you and I can set by living in our communities decently and in a law abiding way, by maintaining ideals, and by keeping up that thing we call the American way of life. I believe that there is something more powerful than atomic bombs or battleships, something that, if we make it so clear cut, so evident, that others can understand, some day the whole world will recognize the work of the kind of Democracy that we believe in and will want to follow our example."

Alberta receives very favorable comment in the review of Grand Lodges.

Membership, 58,784; Lodges, 334; Increase, 2,025.

T.A.M.

WASHINGTON

271 Chartered Lodges; 3 U.D.; 63,550 Members, Gain, 1,859.

The Ninety-fourth Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Washington was convened in the Masonic Temple, Tacoma, on Tuesday, the 19th day of June, A.D., 1951.

M.W. Bro. Gail Huhn presiding. We notice in the Grand Master's report that he had a very busy year in his visitations and we should feel highly honored, that he was able to be with us on June 13th, and note that he was at Portland, Oregon for their Grand Lodge on the 14-15 June, 1951. Also note that he spent from the 3rd of August to the 25th, 1950, visiting in Alaska. The report of W. Bro. Archie W. Shiels Grand Historian is very interesting reading. Following out the practice of submitting the early history of the Lodges of Washington he chose the Lodges of Whatcom County. He goes all the way back to the time that it was first settled. This is something new to me, and appeals as something really worth while.

M.W. Bro. Elvidge introduced M.W. Bro. Dr. H. Eugene Stafford who was the first Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Philippine Islands, who is now residing at American Lake, Wash. In 1900 he helped to organize the first Lodge of Masons in Manilla. No. 342 under the registry of the Grand Lodge of California. It remained under that registry until 1912, when he and others organized the Grand Lodge of the Philippines. The reading of M.W. Bro. Stafford's address would chill the blood in your veins, in telling of the tortures that he had to go through when taken by the Japanese. He says in his address, "I wish that I could see and hear, but my sight was bashed out by a pistol beating over the face, and my hearing has been destroyed by the various slappings and poundings that I received, and the noise of shell explosions." The reading of this makes one realize or at least it should the value of our way of living, and to guard our freedom that has been won for us at such a cost.

The Grand Orator W. Bro. George L. Buck, in his address, "More Masonry in Men" is a splendid one and it is very hard to pick out a part, and not spoil it, but I would like to pass along a little. He says, "We have Masonry of course in our pins and our aprons, our forms and ceremonies, but beyond that there is a question hard to ask, and perhaps unpopular to hear. We think, we speak, but do we act Are we to continue to have but social meetings with a moral tendency Could more Masonry in men reveal itself so the world recognized it? Do we not need as Masons to give ourselves to character building? In this age of marvelous scientific development, when man has learned to fly through the air like a bird, to swim under water like a fish, but has not learned to walk the earth like a man, cannot our Lodges stimulate co-operation with the church, the Y.M. and the YW? Boy and Girl Scouts, students at international universities, to offer guidance to frustrated youngsters. We are denied the popular methods of advertising. Indeed, the only Masonic teaching the world reads is that what is translated into the lives of men. And some of us manage to give rather poor translations. The profane care little for our teachings; they note but our lives, our actions. It is our example that is the best contribution to the world, that a living stone, crude and unpolished, may be readied through service to humanity for that house not made with hands.

We appreciate the remarks of P.G.M. Baldery in his review as Fraternal Correspondent.

T.A.M.

WEST VIRGINIA — 1951

Eighty-seventh Annual Communication, Parkersburg, Va., October 10-11.

Membership, 42,927; Lodges, 164; Gain, 967.

M.W. Bro. Okey S. Sheets, Grand Master.

Alberta's Grand Representative Bro. Frank F. Flaig, (Grand Secretary) was in attendance.

Excerpts from the Grand Master's address:

"The pathway of a Grand Master is not always smooth and easy, yet it is a wonderful experience to serve in that capacity. Freemasonry is a serious business. There are some of the brethren with the mistaken idea that their Lodge is a reform school and relief agency. These are not a function of Masonry.

"Freemasonry portrays the old search of man for a knowledge of truth."

The Grand Master travelled more than 13,000 miles and attended 203 Masonic meetings in his jurisdiction. On his visitation the Grand Master records that in Ordell Lodge, Madison, the Deputy Grand lecturer and his associates had held weekly schools of instruction over a period of five months and taught the ritual to every officer of the Lodge, a feat never before accomplished in the annals of Freemasonry in West Virginia. The degree was conferred letter perfect.

He found the Masonic Home in capable hands and wisely managed.

It was inspiring he stated to be brought in touch with the bigness represented by the Conference of Grand Masters at Washington.

Freemasonry, he said, is sound at the core and is in no danger of decadence. It lives by the loyalty of the men who are obedient to the unenforceable.

The Grand Lecturer, Wor. Gilbert E. Griffin, P.G.M. reports 74 regional schools of instructions held and attended by 2,832 Masons, including Worshipful Masters, Senior and Junior Wardens and Past Masters. The aim of these schools is to make the officers of every Lodge sufficiently proficient to confer degrees in an efficient and impressive manner.

The Grand Lodge suffered in the loss by death of Bro. Charles Edgar Carrigan, Past Grand Master, one of its outstanding members and officer.

Wor. Bro. Charles B. Aherns was elected M.W. Grand Master.

1,186 candidates were initiated during the year, 1,794 passed and 1,786 raised. Death removed 670 from the rolls and 301 dimitted.

Alberta is not reviewed.

The report of Grand Lodge contains the names of the constituent lodges and lists the members.

Next annual communication at Wheeling, W.V., Oct. 15-16, 1952.

J.W.G.M.

WISCONSIN

The One Hundred and Seventh Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin was held in the city of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, June 12th and 13th, 1951. M.W. Bro. Walter O. Heiwig presided.

The proceedings are very well recorded in a beautifully bound volumn. It makes very interesting reading and it is easy to see that Freemasonry is on a very firm, if somewhat conservative, basis in the State of Wisconsin. I think that the attitude to Masonry in our own Grand Jurisdiction, young as it is, can very well be likened to that of Wisconsin. They appear to be very cautious in all they do, for which we may be thankful.

Three separate conferences of Grand Lodge Officers were held in different places in July, October and April, it being remarked by the Grand Master that the bringing of Grand Lodge to the grass roots of Masonry was stimulating to the Officers and afforded them an opportunity to learn something of the thinking and desires of the Craft.

There are quite a number of interesting decisions:

A Lodge cannot surrender jurisdiction over a profane in its district until it has acquired jurisdiction by receiving a petition for Degrees.

The holding of Masonic Fairs, gift enterprises or public entertainments of any nature for gain is forbidden and proceeds therefrom cannot be accepted by a Lodge.

A Lodge may not accept a Petition from any person engaged in selling liquors to be used as a beverage. (A Treasurer of a club holding a license was barred from advancement). An applicant with only one eye was held to be 'mutilated' and disqualified.

There are 306 Lodges with 62,000 Masons and as is usual in the U.S.A. these members are active in supporting Masonic Homes and Masonic Welfare on a big scale. The Grand Lodge of Wisconsin is financially sound. A 50 year Jewel was presented to 109 members.

The Grand Master's address was very interesting, but I must confess that I found the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, prepared by Herbert W. Dixon, P.G.M., extremely interesting. Unfortunately Alberta did not find a place. We shall hope that this may be remedied in the future. Space does not permit a review of the review, but the foreword explains M.W. Bro. Dixon's approach. It is an effort to bring to the Craft, in condensed form, an acount of the unusual and interesting happenings throughout the Masonic world, as well as a comparison of Wisconsin procedure with that of other jurisdictions. It would pay dividends if some of our country Lodges would borrow various proceedings from the Grand Secretary's office and read selected parts to their brethren.

The Committee on Foreign Relations recommended recognition of The Grand Lodge of Tamaulipas and of Grand Lodge of El Potosi in

Mexico and of the Grand Lodge of China (Sponsored by the G.L. of the Philippine Islands). Consideration of a dozen other Grand Jurisdictions was deferred for further information.

Grand Master, M.W. Bro. R. G. Varnum.

Grand Secretary, R.W. Bro. Paul W. Grossenbach.

Alberta's Representative, Frank G. Martin, Chippewa Falls.

Representative in Alberta, Alexander D. Currie, Crossfield.

E.H.R.

WYOMING

The Seventy-seventh Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Wyoming was convened by the M.W. Grand Master, Bro. Hubert E. Mulholland on Monday, August 27th, 1951, in the Masonic Temple in the city of Rock Springs.

The statistical report shows 50 Lodges with a membership of 11,-461, a net gain for the year of 355.

Something new to me is the Appendix of 96 pages showing the Officers, Past Masters and all members of each Lodge, which I consider a great thing for the distant Brother, he only has to look to find out if a friend that he should have in the state is a member.

Tower Lodge, No. 44, at Hulett had the misfortune of losing its hall and equipment by fire. The Grand Master sent out a circular to all Lodges telling of the misfortune of the Hulett Brethren and he states that the response was just wonderful.

I would like to quote from a few of the addresses that I consider well worth repeating, the only trouble is the lack of space, and I would recommend to any Brother to get the proceedings and they will get some wonderful reading.

W. Bro. Walter C. Reusser of Laramie Lodge No. 3 in his address commenting on the danger that threatens us from without, thinks that we are more threatened by the dangers from within.

"Says, we find such moral degeneration in business, in politics, in college athletics, and even among the teen-agers in our high schools.

This lowering of moral standards among our people is what one of our senators has termed, morality has become legality. It is keeping within the letter of the law, but violating all standards of decency, permitting our sense of ethical and moral conduct to be checked only by that which is prohibited by law. What is needed in our daily life among both youths and adults is a sense of moral and spiritual values, which when applied in human behavior, exalt and refine life and bring it into accord with standards of conduct that are approved in our democratic culture. We learn these lessons in Masonry, they are taught us through symbols and illustrated by allegorical representations. We learn that the square teaches moral-

ity, the level equality, and the plumb rectitude of life. Let us then make these symbols stand for the things we should like to see exemplified in the lives of men and in the conduct of nations.

It is shown how the age of Grand Lodge is reflected in the death rate among the Brethren, 50 years ago it was one in a thousand, 25 years ago the rate was 10 per thousand and 1951 stood at 16.

In the Special Dispensations granted, I noticed one for a Lodge to hold an outdoor meeting in the mountains, another was for the conferring the 1st and 2nd degrees on a candidate in one night and then the M.M. the next night.

The invitation of Riverton Lodge No. 26 to hold the next Annual Communication was accepted, it will he held on August 25th and 26th, 1952.

M.W. Bro. Charles N. Bell was elected and installed as Grand Master.

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